

ANNUAL REPORTS
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THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc
Palmer, Mass.
1948

Town Officers --- 1947

Town Clerk

JOHN T. BROWN

Term expires 1948

Town Treasurer, 1 Year

ROBERT L. McDONALD

Collector of Taxes, 1 Year

JOHN T. BROWN

Selectmen, 1 Year

PETER F. WARAKOMSKI, Chairman

HERBERT W. BISHOP

JAMES H. FITZGERALD

Assessors

DAVID B. SMITH, Chairman

Term expires 1949

LUDWIK MARHELEWICZ

Term expires 1948

OSCAR F. BRESSETTE

Term expires 1950

Board of Public Welfare

JOHN K. McKENZIE, Chairman

Term expires 1949

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN

Term expires 1948

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE

Term expires 1950

Auditors, 1 Year

JOHN D. ALDRICH

CLARENCE A. CARRINGTON

GARTON J. QUIMBY

Tree Warden, 1 Year

WALTER H. CAMBO, JR.

Constables, 1 Year

JAMES H. CARTER

JAMES F. DUFFY

JAMES H. MacGEACHEY STEPHEN J. SALAMON

FREDERICK D. THOMPSON, JR.

School Committee

GARRETT P. CAVANAUGH, Chairman

Term expires 1948

STANLEY W. WISNEWSKI

Term expires 1948

TREVOR A. BAKER

Term expires 1949

JOSEPH S. GILL

Term expires 1950

PAUL HEINE, JR.

Term expires 1950

Board of Health

JANE COULTER, Chairman

Term expires 1948

ALFRED R. KELLEY

Term expires 1949

WILLIAM J. BERNAT

Term expires 1950

Cemetery Commissioners

LOUIS J. BRAINERD, Chairman

Term expires 1949

ROBERT E. FAULKNER

Term expires 1948

GEORGE S. GAY

Term expires 1950

License Commissioners, 1 Year

ROBERT A. SWAIN, Chairman

CHARLES H. BRESSETTE

JOSEPH J. PAPUZENSKI

*** Planning Board**

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| CLEOPHAS R. POTVIN | Term expires 1948 |
| STEVEN SCUDDER | Term expires 1948 |
| KENNETH H. MARCY | Term expires 1949 |
| MICHAEL R. SULLIVAN | Term expires 1949 |
| TIMOTHY D. CRIMMINS | Term expires 1950 |
| PATRICK J. NAGLE | Term expires 1950 |

* This planning board "shall cease to exist" when the members of the planning board established under the provisions of Chap. 41, Sec. 81A, General Laws, by vote of the town under Article 66 of the warrant for the annual town meeting of 1947, take office in 1948.

1947

Town Clerk's Report

The following dog licenses were issued during the year ending December 31, 1947:

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Males | 478 |
| Females | 94 |
| Spayed Females | 193 |
| Kennel | 2 |
| * Free Licenses: | |
| Males | 5 |
| Spayed Females | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 773 |

Paid to Town Treasurer during 1947 \$1,718.60

* For dogs whose owners were in the military or naval service.

The following Vital Statistics were received for record for the year ending December 31, 1947:

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Number of births | 298 |
| Number of marriages | 219 |
| Number of deaths | 103 |

JOHN T. BROWN
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following Vital Statistics. It is important that the records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same **reported to him at once**, and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should also know that a proper return of birth is made as it may be of great importance in after life.

Births 1947

| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENTS |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| January | | |
| 2 | Theodore George Gurski | Theodore P. and Glenna E. |
| 3 | William John Frye | Raymond M. and Catherine S. |
| 4 | Charles Everett Brightman | Charles S. and M. Janette |
| 5 | Wayne Richard Pietryka | Frank J. and Sylvia M. |
| 5 | Raymond Francis Sabourin, Jr. | Raymond F. and Edna E. |
| 6 | Robert Horace Leroux | Horace A. and Irene M. |
| 7 | Stanley David Ridz | Stanley and Catherine |
| 8 | Ronald James Padykula | Frank R. and Lillian M. |
| 10 | Frederick Clarke Bradway, Jr. | Frederick C. and Doris S. |
| 11 | Barbara Lucy Doyle | Raymond and Alice |
| 12 | Robert Mitchel Dane | Warren Jr. and Wanda |
| 14 | Joanne Frances DeFoe | Francis P. and Pauline E. |
| 14 | Barbara Louise Hebert | Raymond J. and Lois B. |
| 15 | Hazel Ann King | Walter F. and Wilhelmina M. |
| 17 | Marilyn Diane Dominik | Walter L. and Wanda A. |
| 19 | Anita Louise Verlotta | Anthony J. and May F. |
| 21 | Jacqueline Ann Boissy | Rene G. and Antoinette |
| 21 | Everett Edgar Marshall, Jr. | Everett E. and Ethel R. |
| 25 | Robert Henry Chapin | Sumner R. and Mary E. |

| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENTS |
|------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 25 | Joseph Anthony William Rich | Joseph J. and Annette Y. |
| 26 | Wayne Michael Goodreau | Theodore B. and Barbara C. |
| 26 | Geraldine Kosmider | Martin J. and Blanche |
| 26 | Ann Elizabeth Wisnoski | John H. J. and Nora A. |
| 30 | Norma Jean Defoe | Michael J. Jr. and Gladys L. |

February

| | | |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 | Carolyn Baldyga | Walter and Stella D. |
| 2 | Peter Thomas Poitras | Arthur J. and Lucille R. |
| 3 | Mary Lee Cook | Raymond E. and Marion C. |
| 3 | Susan Helen Kurtyka | Matthew C. and Agnes N. |
| 4 | Glenn Brian Kenyon | Frank M. Jr. and Winona G. |
| 5 | Lorraine Eleanor Lawrence | Harold C. and Marion L. |
| 7 | Leland Durward Church | Durward J. and Irene M. |
| 8 | Charles Wesley Flower, Jr. | Charles W. and Catherine P. |
| 8 | Carol Ann Kalldian | Joseph B. and Lorraine L. |
| 10 | Elaine Dorothy Boutin | Edward D. and Victorine M. |
| 10 | Robert Alan Clough | Richard and Rose M. |
| 11 | Raymond David Beaulieu | Clarence W. and Helen E. |
| 11 | Pauline Ann Kowalski | Stephen P. and Catherine |
| 13 | Dona Lee Dupre | James E. and Shirley A. |
| 16 | John Willard Cogdill | Willard G. and Mary T. |
| 16 | Thomas Dranka | Stanley A. and Matilda A. |
| 16 | Pavlos William Pappademetriou | Vasilios E. and Georgia |
| 18 | Kathleen Valley | Matthew J. and Kathleen |
| 19 | Barbara Ann Dulude | Robert F. and Frances |
| 19 | James Matthew Holda | Matthew J. and Catherine M. |
| 21 | Phillip Joseph Taft | Phillip F. and Claire L. |
| 25 | Sandra Ann Sierakowski | Alexander A. and Mary N. |
| 26 | Richard James Gould | Robert J. and Mary R. |
| 26 | Gail Bishop Sullivan | Arthur E. and Beatrice S. |
| 28 | Teresa Anna Bokun | Peter J. and Pauline A. |

March

| | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 | Thomas Francis Parker | Giles B. J. and Mary E. |
| 3 | Ann Davis | David Jr. and Frances |
| 3 | Ernest Michael Trominski | Russell A. and Wanda A. |
| 4 | John Thomas Phillips | John F. and Catherine R. |
| 5 | Marcia Ann Severns | Ralph V. and Helen |
| 7 | Andrew Walter Duda, Jr. | Andrew W. and Bridget |

DATE NAME OF CHILD

PARENTS

| | | |
|----|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 8 | Linda Jean Harris | Earle H. Jr. and Virginia E. |
| 8 | Christine Kubik | Andrew T. and Irene C. |
| 8 | Geraldine Kubik | Andrew T. and Irene C. |
| 9 | Ronald Albert Bacon | Raymond C. and Helen R. |
| 9 | Dianne Shirley Monette | Raymond R. and Elsie M. |
| 11 | Deborah Ann Doyle | John F. and Elizabeth T. |
| 14 | Elizabeth Ann Smola | Joseph P. and May |
| 16 | Joanne Marie Santucci | Richard T. and Zella T. |
| 19 | Barbara Ann Walulak | Matthew and Sophie T. |
| 21 | Ronald Paul Butcher | Joseph and Doris |
| 23 | Clarence Leon Knapp | John C. and Grace M. |
| 27 | John Anthony Geslock | Stanley A. and Pauline N. |
| 27 | Judith Ann Raymond | Theodore M. and Thelma L. |
| 27 | Maureen Ellen Shields | John F. and Eileen E. |
| 28 | Joyce Carol Haynes | Ralph L. and Doris C. |
| 28 | James Oliver Rondeau | Alvin C. and Nora F. |
| 29 | Gerald John Aliengena, Jr. | Gerald J. and Constance E. |
| 29 | Sandra Louise McEwen | James O. and Helen C. |
| 29 | Ann Marie St. John | Raymond A. and Loyce |
| 29 | Ann Lorraine Wisneski | Edmund F. and Anna L. |
| 30 | Stanley Lajzer | Stanley P. and Sophie M. |

April

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 | Estelle Marie Berthiaume | Joseph F. and Marguerite M. |
| 4 | Adrian Shepherd Wheeler | Nelson A. and Helen M. |
| 5 | Richard David Reynolds | William E. Jr. and Helen M. |
| 8 | Kathleen Ann Jackiewicz | Arthur M. and Josephine F. |
| 9 | Thomas Garry Jalbert | Rene E. and Tola F. |
| 9 | Thomas Allen Lucia | Guy C. and Shirley B. |
| 10 | Elmer Emit Brown | Erwyn L. and Hazel R. |
| 11 | Carol Ruth Chase | Walter L. and Constance R. |
| 11 | Martin Emmet Sullivan | Jeremiah F. Jr. and Mary E. |
| 14 | William Francis Amerio | Frank L. and Alice E. |
| 15 | Richard Francis Dingman | Robert O. and Roberta F. |
| 16 | Kenneth Charles Hartley | Donald O. and Beatrice E. |
| 16 | David Joseph Mason | Lyman E. and Rita D. |
| 17 | Natalie Frances Kusha | John J. S. and Charlotte M. |
| 19 | Donald Raymond Laviolette | Raymond H. and Lorraine M. |
| 20 | Nancy Stephanie Koziol | Walter R. and Valeria J. |
| 22 | Joyce Winifred Powers | Frederick L. and Jessie H. |
| 22 | Michael Gildo Uliana | Nisio F. and Marie A. |

| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENTS |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 25 | Elaine Ann Drozdowski | Edward J. and Ann C. |
| 25 | Dorothy Jean Meurisse | Thomas H. and Margaret M. |
| 25 | Russell Allen Webb | William J. and Genevieve |
| 26 | Lonnie Marshall Lyon | Clark P. and Myrtle B. |
| 26 | John Michael Mack | Ernest A. and Mary L. |
| 27 | Thomas Albert Oldeman | Albert Jr. and Evelyn B. |
| 29 | Robert Matera | Joseph A. and Salome F. |

May

| | | |
|----|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7 | Carol Ann Czepiel | Peter A. and Hedwig C. |
| 7 | John Kinniburgh MacKenzie, 3rd | John K. Jr. and Thelma F. |
| 9 | Kathleen Ann Bigda | William J. and Sabina T. |
| 10 | Judith Ann Foster | Forrest W. and Lucy V. |
| 11 | William Nelson Newell, Jr. | William N. and Margaret V. |
| 12 | William Donald Morgan | Donald L. and Pearl V. |
| 14 | Virginia Belle Clark | Ernest A. and Kathleen M. |
| 15 | Wallace Raymond Collins, Jr. | Wallace R. and Beatrice R. |
| 22 | Richard John Warka | Charles J. and Catherine T. |
| 23 | Michael Paul Szklarz | Chester M. and Stella A. |
| 24 | Sandra Alice Trzeciak | Milton S. and Alice S. |
| 26 | Julia Grabowski | Bernard T. and Julia C. |
| 26 | Joseph John Mancini | Bonifacio J. and Anna M. |
| 27 | Thomas Francis Rooney | Davitt M. and Elizabeth I. |
| 27 | Barbara Rudek | Walter F. and Joan S. |
| 27 | Richard Harry Spooner | Henry E. 3rd and Esther L. |
| 28 | Josephine Sowa | Frederick S. and Josephine I. |
| 29 | William Harvey St. Amand | William H. and Irene |
| 30 | William Raymond Riley, Jr. | William R. and Alice G. |

June

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2 | John Purcell Carlton, 3rd | John P. Jr. and Neta E. |
| 2 | Ronald Archie Moreau | Arthur J. and Gertrude A. |
| 4 | David Leroy Rogers | Leroy C. and Jean R. |
| 7 | Joseph George Diesi | Joseph J. and Veronica M. |
| 8 | Ralph Robert Moulton, 3rd | Ralph R. Jr. and Adeline J. |
| 10 | David Walter Nawoj | Walter P. and Victoria A. |
| 10 | Janet Marjorie Santucci | Leopold and Mildred H. |
| 14 | Sandra Jeanne Sweetman | Timothy F. Jr. and Jeanne |
| 20 | Alfred Clyde Carter | Charles T. and Christine A. |
| 21 | Steven William Scharrett | William F. and Pearl I. |

| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENTS |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 22 | David Francis Lovell | Clarence B. and Elsie M. |
| 24 | Ronald Paul Magrone | Joseph and Mildred L. |
| 25 | James Alan Foschini | Joseph and Julia R. |
| 25 | Margaret Lee Jenney | Robert and Rachel L. |
| 25 | Frederick Henry Smith, Jr. | Frederick H. and Rosemary G. |
| 26 | Sandra Marie Cutter | William E. and Marion L. |
| 27 | Gary Richard Kretschmar, Jr. | Gary R. and Charlotte E. |
| 28 | Maureen Ellen Kennedy | James J. Jr. and Kathryn C. |
| 28 | Patrick John McManus | Edward F. and Mary M. |
| 29 | Peter Raymond Aucoin | Raymond J. and Florence K. |

July

| | | |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Jonathan Edward Ellis | Richard J. and Gennievie V. |
| 1 | Michael John Finnegan | Edward C. and Eleanor M. |
| 3 | Arthur Rogers Gernon | Arthur P. and Zibie |
| 4 | Donna Louise Prouty | Frank Jr. and Emily B. |
| 5 | Susan Lee Beane | Lawrence L. and Ann E. |
| 5 | David Henry Flamand | Henry J. and Betty P. |
| 8 | Rosalie Mary Lemanski | Joseph S. and Jane E. |
| 8 | Thomas Stanley Zabawa | Frank J. and Florence T. |
| 12 | Patricia Ann Peterson | Albin C. and Valborg W. |
| 17 | Gail Lovell | Lewis J. and Gertrude M. |
| 17 | Lorraine Lillian Warner | Lowell W. and Mary U. |
| 19 | Candace Gail Coto | Wilbur C. and Jennie E. |
| 19 | Lawrence Paul Stearns | Lawrence M. and Mary E. |
| 20 | Alan Francis Zisk | Frank C. and Irene T. |
| 21 | Barbara Lavinia Landon | Kenneth L. and Nina M. |
| 23 | Barbara Hannah Nothe | Walter H. and Hazel V. |
| 24 | Michael Anthony Miceli | James and Concetta |
| 25 | Frank Donald Grabowski | Frank D. and Anne S. |
| 26 | Sharon Lee Lemanski | Chester and Doris M. |
| 26 | Jay George Woodmansee | George A. and Ruth N. |
| 27 | Thomas Edward Kwasnik | Stanley A. and Mary T. |
| 29 | Michael John Fliss | Stephen F. and Jane E. |
| 29 | Sheila May Morris | Francis T. and Dorothy H. |
| 30 | Frank Joseph Cyran | Joseph F. and Jeanina H. |
| 30 | Richard Roman Mayoski | Roman J. and Tillie |
| 30 | Donna Jean Moores | Lyman T. and Dorothy B. |
| 31 | Kathleen Lynn Martin | Joseph W. and Pauline S. |

| | | |
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| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENTS |
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August

| | | |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Kenneth LeRoy Harman, 2nd | Kenneth L. and Hazel M. |
| 4 | Leo Wilfred Boissy | Victor R. and Ann M. |
| 5 | Linda Jean Hanna | Edmund G. and Schrildea F. |
| 7 | Theresa Drega | Sigmund and Helen T. |
| 7 | Evelyn Wegrzyn | Stanley and Sophie |
| 8 | Wayne Richard Harvey | James W. and Marion H. |
| 8 | David Orlando Pascale | Michael F. and Ada A. |
| 10 | Judy Elaine Garfield | Charles A. and Mariana A. |
| 10 | Judith Ellen Venne | Frank R. and Eva A. |
| 11 | James Albert Gouvin | Albert J. and Marjorie A. |
| 12 | Joyce Bengle | Leo C. and Eileen M. |
| 14 | Richard George Authier | George A. and Lorraine M. |
| 14 | Mary Elizabeth Thompson | Roy O. and Grace E. |
| 15 | Frederick Raymond Aldrich | John D. and Agnes E. |
| 16 | Stephen Cope, Jr. | Stephen and Irene F. |
| 19 | Dennis Edward Leveille | Archie E. and Leona F. |
| 23 | Christopher Bukowski | Victor W. and Frances C. |
| 23 | Patricia Ann Lebida | Mitchell J. and Josephine M. |
| 24 | Kenneth Lawrence Arnold | Kenneth F. and Mary A. |
| 24 | Brian George James Christiansen | George F. and Mildred L. |
| 25 | Robert John Boduch | Cazimess J. and Jennie |
| 29 | Katherine Linda Olearczyk | Joseph and Blanche B. |
| 31 | Darlene Alice Auclair | Henry R. and Lillian M. |
| 31 | Barbara Jane Desmarais | Marcel A. and Mabel I. |
| 31 | Margaret Minnie Henderson | Clayton W. and Helen M. |

September

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 4 | Michael Edward Matera | Stanley J. and Helen A. |
| 7 | Ronald Francis Silva | Ermindo J. and Lucille M. |
| 9 | Thomas William Haley, 3rd | Thomas W. Jr. and Anne F. |
| 12 | Barbara Ann Stolar | John and Stephanie |
| 13 | Janice Ann Nadok | Edward M. and Beverly J. |
| 14 | Alphonse Joseph Lasota, Jr. | Alphonse J. and Antoinette M. |
| 14 | Merryl MacLeod | Bruce H. and Irene E. |
| 15 | Patricia Ann Roman | Frank M. and Rita E. |
| 17 | Linda Kapinos | Lewis J. and Olive |
| 17 | Paula Catherine Zelazo | Lawrence J. and Anna S. |
| 18 | Alice Borowiec | Boleslaw and Julia A. |
| 18 | Michael Stephen Misiaszek | Stephen F. and Veronica I. |
| 21 | George Ephraim Fuller, 3rd | George E. Jr. and Winifred O. |

| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENTS |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 21 | Daniel Lewis Tassinari | Dante R. and Irene M. |
| 22 | Joseph Stanley Urban, Jr. | Joseph S. and Phyllis |
| 23 | Patricia Carol Burns | Cedric P. and Edna D. |
| 24 | Glenn Winfield Lemon | Norman C. and Hazel E. |
| 25 | Kathleen Sammon | Daniel J. and Mary L. |
| 27 | Kenneth Robert Gozdowski | Matthew A. and Ruth L. |
| 27 | Theodore Joseph Polys | Joseph and Sophie |
| 30 | Barbara Elizabeth Rhodes | Wesley E. and Gloria J. |

October

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 | Bruce Walter Midura | Walter J. and Elaine D. |
| 4 | Wayne Gary Cole | Robert and Martha |
| 5 | David Edward Auclair | William J. and Gertrude E. |
| 5 | Alicia Mary Dorval | Ralph G. and Anna V. |
| 7 | Ann Rainville | Rodolphe J. and Edith F. |
| 8 | Richard Clifford Gale | Reginald C. and Ruth E. |
| 8 | James Joseph Murphy, 2nd | James J. and Josephine |
| 8 | Richard Dixon Scott | John and Anita |
| 9 | Dianne Mae St. George | Ambrose D. and Ellen C. |
| 10 | Claudine Victoria Chudy | Raymond Z. and Sophia W. |
| 10 | Doris Evelyn Skomro | Stanley and Rose L. |
| 12 | Janice Carol Boron | Edward H. and Doreen A. |
| 12 | Raymond Paul Hamel | Gerald R. and Therese M. |
| 12 | Gerald Albert Santucci | Albert E. and Pauline |
| 14 | Janice Marie Olney | Lawrence A. and Josephine R. |
| 17 | Jewell Ann Walker | Edwin C. and Catherine E. |
| 19 | Thomas James Mancuso | Frank S. and Helen |
| 20 | John Nicholas Bernet, Jr. | John N. and Charlotte M. |
| 20 | Richard Joseph Hunt, Jr. | Richard J. and Gertrude V. |
| 20 | Justin Paul Mancini | Justin J. and Julia N. |
| 24 | Arthur Kenneth Converse | Robert K. and Mabel M. |
| 24 | Laurel Kay Lindsay | Edward P. and Ella W. |
| 28 | Mark Lawrence Scyocurka | Lawrence A. and Valerie E. |
| 28 | Fay Wagner Thomas | Edgar F. and Iva F. |
| 30 | Paul Stanley Midura | Stanley J. and Josephine E. |

November

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 | Edgar Sydney Reynolds | Earl R. and Dorothy M. |
| 4 | Noreen Helen Sullivan | Timothy F. and Ann R. |
| 5 | Mark Dennis Disley | John P. and Virginia P. |

| DATE | NAME OF CHILD | PARENTS |
|------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 | Rosemary Austin | John T. and Mary R. |
| 14 | Gail Diana Kowalczyk | Stanley and Irene E. |
| 14 | Stanley Francis Shepard, Jr. | Stanley F. and Doris L. |
| 15 | Timothy Edward Andrew | Harley E. and Patricia M. |
| 17 | Warren Robin Barrett | Warren P. and Louise M. |
| 17 | Paul Armand Brault | Philip R. and Virginia I. |
| 17 | Michael John Santucci | Joseph and Lillian C. |
| 18 | Wallace Kent Wilkins | Milton S. and Hazel F. |
| 19 | Paula May Grenier | Roger O. and Ruth |
| 20 | Jean Louise Kaczmarczyk | Joseph T. and Verna L. |
| 22 | Deborah Jean Labuz | Charles A. and Jean A. |
| 23 | Margaret Plato | Joseph E. and Jeanne A. |
| 24 | Barbara Ann Eurkus | John R. and Jane S. |
| 24 | Peter Alan Trench | Arthur L. and Rita |
| 26 | John Misiaszek | Joseph F. and Cecelia H. |
| 26 | Richard Allan Picotte | Clarence E. and Ida E. |
| 28 | Patricia Ann Grammo | Edmund C. and Marion D. |

December

| | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Thomas Albert Minns | Albert T. and Maureen E. |
| 2 | Alan Richard Clough | Alden P. and Lois |
| 3 | Paul Szostek | Edward J. and Stephanie |
| 5 | Marlene Ann Barnes | Richard and Mildred M. |
| 15 | Constance Ann George | Hollis S. and Agnes V. |
| 17 | Charles Finlayson, 3rd | Charles Jr. and Elsie V. |
| 18 | David Wendell Hutton | David E. and Frances A. |
| 18 | Walter Patrick Bernat | Patrick W. and Helen J. |
| 19 | Roger Francis Arventos | Christos and Willa E. |
| 20 | Marie Ann McLean | James L. and Laura V. |
| 20 | Penny Ann Pappas | Peter E. and Helen A. |
| 23 | Edward Paul Brown, 3rd | Edward P. Jr. and Mary A. |
| 24 | Christine Ellen Lamoy | Clayton E. and Charlotte T. |
| 26 | Patrick John O'Connor | Michael L. and Shirley B. |
| 26 | Lorraine Rose Peterson | Robert W. and Rose S. |
| 28 | Paul Francis Camyre, Jr. | Paul F. and Elizabeth C. |
| 29 | Richard Gula | Boleslaw J. and Sophie C. |
| 30 | Sandra Ann Thomas | Charles H. and Edith R. |

Marriages 1947

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|----------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| January | | | | |
| 2 | Robert E. Willett | Pomfret, Vt. | Dorothy Gardner | Palmer |
| 4 | Charles Frank Hale | Monson | Dorothy Muriel DeHulla | Monson |
| 4 | Albert T. Minns | No. Brookfield | Maureen E. Denning | Palmer |
| 5 | Robert F. Page | Pawtucket, R. I. | Amelia A. Kroll | Palmer |
| 11 | William D. Donovan | Palmer | Katherine M. Sullivan | Holyoke |
| 15 | Albin A. Zajac | Palmer | Jennie Pierzga | Warren |
| 18 | Walter S. Rewinski | Southbridge | Victoria H. Sieczkowski | Palmer |
| 24 | Robert John Mays | Spfld. | Alzina Ethel Taylor | Spfld. |
| 24 | Edward J. Staback | Palmer | Vera Fisher | Palmer |
| 25 | Charles H. Chaffee | Monson | Lorraine A. Brouillette | Palmer |
| 25 | Eustachy Ziobrowski | Palmer | Apolonia Gwozdzianski | Palmer |
| February | | | | |
| 1 | Harold E. Schaffer | Duluth, Minn. | Mary Doris Fitzgerald | Palmer |
| 3 | Erving J. Chalue | Palmer | Roberta R. Herter | Spfld. |
| 10 | Edwin F. Chouinard | Palmer | Anna L. Crowley | Palmer |
| 15 | Harold D. Fountain | Palmer | Rita M. Gouvin | Palmer |
| 15 | Stanley A. Frydryk | Palmer | Genevieve C. Novak | Ludlow |
| 15 | Theodore V. Henault | Grafton | Edith L. Werme | Worcester |
| 15 | Lester R. Martel | Monson | Geraldine Mae Knowles | Southbridge |
| 15 | James E. McDonald | Haverhill | Ellen F. Sullivan | Palmer |
| 15 | Samuel Skelly | Palmer | Stella M. Izyk | Palmer |
| 15 | Walter A. Stred | Palmer | Shirley A. McLaughlin | Brimfield |
| 15 | Joseph E. Tobiasz | Ware | Josephine S. Szlosek | Palmer |
| 17 | Joseph W. Siok | Palmer | Genevieve A. Tobiasz | Palmer |
| 18 | Rene R. Lucier | Palmer | Celia Kulas | Palmer |
| 22 | Mario P. Piccoli | Palmer | Norma E. Mikna | Palmer |
| 26 | Allen Percy Grindall | Concord | Effie May Dunn | Concord |

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|

March

| | | | | |
|----|----------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 | John R. Birmingham | Hartford, Ct. | Muriel G. Horan | Spfld. |
| 8 | Clarence Mundell | Ware | Fannie Mae Smith | Ware |
| 19 | Albin J. Jachem | Chicopee Falls | Ruth G. Bilodeau | Palmer |
| 23 | Walter H. Calef, Jr. | Lynn | Mildred C. Adams | Palmer |

April

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 9 | Sigmund Drega | Ware | Helen T. Dusza | Palmer |
| 12 | Thaddeus A. Giza | Palmer | Wanda M. Majka | Warren |
| 12 | Robert F. L. Gould | Brookline | Catherine M. Lank | Palmer |
| 12 | James J. Kane, Jr. | Palmer | Mary V. Quinn | Waltham |
| 12 | C. Kenneth Sanderson | Palmer | Victoria L. Sasur | Palmer |
| 12 | Ralph E. Wilson | Spfld. | Gertrude C. Pimpare | Palmer |
| 13 | John T. Branciforte | Palmer | Helen E. Wilga | Ware |
| 13 | Walter J. Zagula | Chicopee | Helen M. Kusek | Palmer |
| 14 | James H. Fitzgerald, Jr. | Palmer | Gilberte M. Galipeau | Southbridge |
| 19 | William A. Coulter | Palmer | Constance E. Moore | Palmer |
| 19 | Julian E. Majocka | Ware | Josephine C. Piechota | Palmer |
| 19 | William F. Smith, Jr. | Palmer | Germaine G. Lafond | Holyoke |
| 19 | John Starsiak | Palmer | Blanche F. Traska | West Warren |
| 20 | Malcolm I. Cross, Jr. | Palmer | Ruth Hannah Berry | Palmer |
| 20 | Stanley P. Korsak | Palmer | Mary A. Shiok | Brimfield |
| 20 | Joseph G. Lesniewski | Southbridge | Stephanie L. Gill | Palmer |
| 20 | Earl C. Schofield | Palmer | Shirley I. Tucker | Monson |
| 26 | Stanley Adamczyk | Chicopee | Edna E. Palka | Palmer |
| 26 | Charles J. Bleau | Palmer | Lena R. Forte | Palmer |
| 26 | Timothy F. Noonan | Spfld. | Constance A. Smith | Palmer |
| 26 | Edward J. Rudnick | Palmer | Alice M. Dugay | Palmer |
| 26 | Albert W. Slowick | Palmer | Mary A. Szado | Palmer |
| 26 | Frederick W. Szczygiel | Wilbraham | Jennie B. Muniec | Palmer |

May

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|---|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| 3 | Joseph M. Bigda | Chicago, Ill. | Frances T. Libera | Palmer |
| 3 | Joseph Cygan | Ludlow | Mary A. Gondek | Palmer |

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|------|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 4 | Joseph W. Sakowski | Palmer | Helen K. Wozniak | West Warren |
| 9 | Raymond L. LaFlamme | Westfield | Shirley Jean Potito | Agawam |
| 9 | J. E. Walter Moberg | Palmer | Lillian E. Pearson | Brockton |
| 9 | Richard J. Odlum | Spfld. | Stacia Sipit | Spfld. |
| 10 | Stanley P. Kulis | Palmer | Nellie L. Petkis | Somers, Ct. |
| 10 | Donald H. McAdam | Palmer | Doris E. Woodhouse | Palmer |
| 10 | Walter J. Scovera | West Warren | Mary R. Kapinos | Palmer |
| 17 | Ralph J. Hayes | Ware | Veronica A. Ulman | Ware |
| 17 | Harold L. Olson | Palmer | Sylvia J. Sawyer | Palmer |
| 17 | Paul P. Pickul | West Warren | Julia M. Sarna | Palmer |
| 17 | George Pikul | Palmer | Rita H. M. Bacon | Ware |
| 26 | Ernest C. Munsell | Palmer | Anna C. George | Palmer |
| 31 | Joseph A. Furey, Jr. | Palmer | Lois E. Bruce | Palmer |
| 31 | John W. Nadolski | Palmer | Dorothy Melnick | West Warren |

June

| | | | | |
|----|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Norman E. Spooner | West Brookfield | Mary A. Jasinkiewicz | Palmer |
| 3 | Raymond Lester Wood | Palmer | Lina Zack | Greenwich, Ct. |
| 7 | Louis W. Janulewicz | Palmer | Emily S. Gula | Palmer |
| 7 | Milton J. Kaczuwka | Palmer | Eleonore R. Milligan | Ware |
| 7 | Richard D. Ramadan | Palmer | Daisy I. Markot | Ware |
| 7 | Edmund J. Stokowski | Chicopee | Genevieve Palka | Palmer |
| 14 | George W. Heins | New Marlborough | June A. Fenton | Palmer |
| 14 | John E. Hitchcock | Spfld. | Norma R. Hemphill | Palmer |
| 14 | John J. Korabowski | W. Spfld. | Edna M. Dymon | Palmer |
| 14 | Sidney W. MacRae | Monson | Shirley M. Bradley | Palmer |
| 14 | Ladimer W. Ziemba | Rockville, Ct. | Wanda M. Nadolski | Palmer |
| 15 | Edward J. Kos | Palmer | Mary B. Barbiasz | Ware |
| 15 | Sylvester M. Quink | Ware | Nellie T. Koziol | Palmer |
| 19 | Albert E. Morin | Ware | Marie A. Fountain | Palmer |
| 21 | Donald W. Belisle | Spfld. | Emelia Wilk | Palmer |
| 21 | Clifford E. Jacobson | Stafford Spgs., Ct. | Irene I. Gaudette | Palmer |

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 21 | Boleslaw M. Koziol | Jackson Hgts., N. Y. | Frances C. Belisle | Palmer |
| 22 | Francis J. Gleason | Palmer | Ruth A. Gunn | Palmer |
| 23 | Edward D. Seipel | Palmer | Phyllis M. Hall | Palmer |
| 28 | Edward S. Bogacz | Palmer | Julia B. Nawoj | Wilbraham |
| 28 | John J. Carey | Enfield, Ct. | Janice M. Nelson | Palmer |
| 28 | Stanley M. Koss | Palmer | Jeanette A. Kurpaska | Warren |
| 28 | John R. Lasota | Palmer | Jane R. Wojtowicz | Ware |
| 28 | Emil S. Marciniac | Palmer | Irene M. Witkoski | Palmer |
| 28 | W. Robert Matrow | Palmer | M. Marceline Beauchemin | Monson |
| 28 | John J. Mullen | Palmer | Beatrice M. North | Monson |
| 28 | Joseph M. Smigiel | Belchertown | Henrietta F. Kajka | Palmer |
| 28 | Stephen W. Zisk | Palmer | Anna R. Karlon | Palmer |
| 30 | Kenneth F. Gardner | Palmer | Virginia A. Chouinard | Palmer |

July

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|----|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 2 | Marvin G. Magoni | Palmer | Sylvia A. Laiho | Palmer |
| 3 | John K. Papineau | No. Brookfield | Virginia D. Elliott | Palmer |
| 3 | Wendell C. Phillips | Palmer | Janet O. Smart | Palmer |
| 4 | Stanley F. Wachowski | Palmer | Carmen M. Gogliormella | Framingham |
| 5 | Philip H. Flegert | Palmer | Eleanor F. Wallace | Palmer |
| 5 | Stephen Orluk | Palmer | Anna M. Soltys | Holyoke |
| 5 | Norman C. Philibotte | No. Wilbraham | Phyllis H. Cross | Palmer |
| 6 | Arthur B. Alden | Palmer | Virginia Boarn | Wareham |
| 6 | Manuel N. Valtelhas | Ludlow | Sophie J. Wojtowicz | Palmer |
| 12 | Walter Izyk | Palmer | Jeanette R. Dansereau | Ware |
| 14 | Ernest E. Provost | Palmer | Marguerite E. Bareiss | Palmer |
| 19 | Roger G. Boudreau | Belchertown | Lucille I. Vertefeuille | Palmer |
| 19 | Walter S. Kustwan | Spfld. | Mary M. Wysmutek | Palmer |
| 19 | Louis W. Szostek | Palmer | Anna C. Rusek | Palmer |
| 19 | Aloysius J. Tyburski | Palmer | Emily M. Szczepanek | Palmer |
| 21 | George E. Smith | Palmer | Dorothy H. Haraghey | Monson |
| 22 | Elmer H. Hine | Palmer | Gertrude S. Stockwell | Monson |
| 26 | Clifford L. Ellithorpe, Jr. | Palmer | Doris F. Tremblay | Palmer |

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 26 | Donald R. Rooney | Palmer | Frances Pickul | West Warren |
| 27 | Edward T. Sasur | Palmer | Grace A. Ridz | Palmer |
| 28 | Spero Kypreos | E. Hartford, Ct. | Ann L. Ahearn | E. Hartford, Ct. |
| 28 | Allan B. Robbins | Monson | Jeannette F. Goodreau | Palmer |

August

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|----|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 2 | John Barszcz | Hardwick | Sophie V. Purda | Palmer |
| 2 | Henry R. Dextrateur | Ware | Imogene R. Bennett | Palmer |
| 2 | John S. Koziol | Ware | Thelma M. Befford | Ware |
| 2 | Henry J. Wyrobek | Palmer | Lorraine I. Nacsin | Palmer |
| 7 | Gerald R. Bergeron | Holyoke | Una I. Choiniere | Holyoke |
| 9 | Thomas J. Faulkner | Monson | Ann M. McDonald | Palmer |
| 9 | George S. Woffenden | Warren | Helen M. Federico | Palmer |
| 10 | Walter P. Kozik | Ware | Mary A. Lajzer | Palmer |
| 10 | Charles J. Luszc | Spfld. | Statia J. Sypek | Palmer |
| 12 | Marcel Lafleur | Chicopee | Georgette Marino | Chicopee |
| 16 | Anthony DiVecchio | Palmer | Shirley A. Rooney | Palmer |
| 16 | John F. Halgas | Ludlow | Genevieve A. Niemiec | Palmer |
| 16 | Harold F. McNaney | Ware | Frances S. Siegel | Palmer |
| 16 | John M. Piechota | Palmer | Alice R. Roberts | Palmer |
| 16 | Stanley G. Wilk | Palmer | Stella M. Kapinos | Palmer |
| 19 | Alexander H. Epstein | Spfld. | Ida Epstein | Spfld. |
| 20 | George A. Scott | Palmer | Doris M. Stokowski | Chicopee |
| 23 | John S. Zebrowski | Palmer | Camille Niedzwiecki | Turners Falls |
| 30 | James M. Marlow | Spfld. | Dorothy M. Petteys | Spfld. |
| 30 | Boleslaw B. Parzych | Sturbridge | Cecelia J. Czupryna | Palmer |
| 30 | George D. Rogers, Jr. | W. Spfld. | Pauline H. Nicholas | Palmer |
| 31 | Steven J. Misterka | West Warren | Emily C. Dragon | Palmer |

September

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|---|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 | Louis F. Baldyga | Palmer | Anna E. Wozniakowski | Palmer |
| 1 | Gaston J. Deslongchamps | Palmer | Theresa I. Bourgault | Ware |
| 1 | Walter P. Staback | Palmer | Madeline Reidy | Ware |
| 2 | Francis Cannamelo | Spfld. | Arlene Rose Sayre | Longmeadow |

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 5 | John S. Tyksienski | Palmer | Emma R. Miller | Monson |
| 6 | Jan M. Boyko | Palmer | Euphemia A. Libera | Palmer |
| 6 | Mitchell S. Jarosz | Spfld. | Sophie R. Kulas | Palmer |
| 6 | William R. Mulvey | Palmer | Helen P. Derrig | Monson |
| 8 | Matthew Zglobicki | Ludlow | Emily B. Czupryna | Belchertown |
| 10 | John M. Hill | Bangor, Me. | Margaret E. Reardon | Bangor, Me. |
| 13 | Edward P. Bergeron | Ware | Marjorie F. Benoit | West Brookfield |
| 13 | Joseph J. Gryszowka | Palmer | Irene V. Jezyk | Ware |
| 13 | Peter J. Mozden | Palmer | Genevieve A. Wilczek | Palmer |
| 13 | Norman K. Papineau | No. Brookfield | Louise F. DeFoe | Palmer |
| 13 | Milton J. Swiatlowski | Palmer | Genevieve C. Nadolski | Westfield |
| 19 | Henry I. Olson | Palmer | Dorothea C. Eccles | Worcester |
| 20 | Melvin N. Allen | Palmer | Patricia M. Jeffery | Monson |
| 20 | John F. Costa | Monson | Mildred E. Kelley | Palmer |
| 20 | Julius W. Egnatosky | Worcester | Rose M. Giorgio | Worcester |
| 20 | Walter H. C. Erikson | Palmer | Joyce T. Lovejoy | Palmer |
| 21 | Chester A. Dymek | Palmer | Grace A. Tallman | Warren |
| 26 | Joseph O. O. Savary | Southbridge | Charlotte M. Miller | Southbridge |
| 27 | Leonard C. Haley | Palmer | Doris D. Roberts | Palmer |
| 27 | Adam Hoskiewicz | Hardwick | Mary Drzal | Palmer |
| 27 | Theodore Carlson | Palmer | Elizabeth P. Brock | Palmer |
| 27 | Joseph P. Majka | Palmer | Isabell K. Konieczny | Ludlow |
| 27 | Stephen J. Midura | Palmer | Eunice M. Brown | Monson |
| 27 | Stanley J. Pawlowski | Palmer | Ann E. Jurczyk | Palmer |
| 27 | Chester J. Szczepanek | Palmer | Jacqueline L. St. Pierre | Ware |
| 28 | Leonard C. Sieron | Monson | Sophie Kaczmarczyk | Palmer |

October

| | | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| 4 | Stanley J. Czywicz | Monson | Hazel Davis | Monson |
| 4 | Louis J. LaRose | Palmer | Annette L. Lapointe | Palmer |
| 4 | Rudolph J. Piwowarczyk | Spfld. | Wanda A. Frydryk | Palmer |
| 5 | Frank H. Gladkowski | Spfld. | Sophie J. Koziol | Palmer |
| 5 | Frank M. Zajac | Palmer | Anne H. Baldyga | West Warren |

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 6 | William F. Chabot | Palmer | Anna R. Sasur | Palmer |
| 11 | Allen E. Day | Palmer | Doris M. Buchanan | Hingham |
| 11 | Francis N. Fitzgerald | Stafford Spgs., Ct. | Maryalice St. George | Palmer |
| 11 | Joseph J. Kusek | Chic. Falls | Genevieve A. Skutnik | Palmer |
| 11 | John B. Messier | Ware | Doris T. Coache | Palmer |
| 11 | Joseph S. Topor | Palmer | Michaeline A. Kmon | Ware |
| 11 | Stanley J. Zahara | Palmer | Marion I. Brown | Palmer |
| 17 | Peter Wojcik | Chicopee | Rachel Titus | Chicopee |
| 18 | Donald B. Mackay | Spfld. | Margaret I. Payne | Palmer |
| 25 | John Bobola | Palmer | Sophie H. Plato | Monson |
| 25 | Walter M. Glabicky | Lynn | Emily H. Witkoski | Palmer |
| 25 | Franklin K. Woodman | Palmer | Opal M. Flinn | Wales |
| 25 | Stanley P. Zaleski | Holyoke | Veronica T. Frydryk | Palmer |
| 26 | Edward S. Sablak | West Warren | Bertha B. Broton | Palmer |
| 28 | Leo A. Lambert | Spfld. | Olive M. Rondeau | Palmer |

November

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Alvin C. Brown | Palmer | Louise T. Coyer | Palmer |
| 7 | Harry R. Ambach, Jr. | Brookfield | Eugenia C. Gregson | Brookfield |
| 8 | Bronislaus W. Bednarczyk | Ludlow | Wanda M. Skura | Palmer |
| 8 | David S. Skowyra | Palmer | Theresa M. Charbonneau | Ware |
| 8 | Charles Wrona | Warren | Josephine S. Dragon | Palmer |
| 8 | John Zanetti | Spfld. | Priscilla F. Hobson | Palmer |
| 11 | John F. Marusinski | Palmer | Evelyn J. Mack | Palmer |
| 13 | Richard N. Chouinard | Palmer | Shirley M. Griswold | Palmer |
| 13 | John J. Cuddy | Palmer | Jennie Fromme | Monson |
| 15 | John F. Domey | Palmer | Angela D. Caouette | Palmer |
| 15 | Walter M. Slozak | Palmer | Celia J. Was | Ware |
| 22 | Harry E. Kenison, Jr. | Framingham | Catherine M. Goodreau | Palmer |
| 22 | Peter M. Lisak | Ludlow | Mildred C. Witkowski | Palmer |
| 22 | Andrew G. Wielkiewicz | Palmer | Helen M. Baumeister | West Warren |
| 27 | Armand J. Bleau | Palmer | Bernadette L. Gay | Palmer |
| 27 | John S. Chudy | Palmer | Sophie A. Wojtkielewicz | Spfld. |

| DATE | GROOM | RESIDENCE | BRIDE | RESIDENCE |
|------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 27 | Daniel B. Dingman | Palmer | Frances M .Coutu | Palmer |
| 27 | Albert H. Laviolette | Palmer | Shirley M. Ackley | Monson |
| 27 | Donald E. Matrow | Palmer | Alice K. Doyle | Palmer |
| 29 | Arthur W. Ditto, Jr. | Palmer | Gladys M. Sheldon | Palmer |
| 29 | Stanley M. Frydryk | Palmer | Mary A. Pelczarski | Palmer |
| 29 | Stanley J. Gula | West Warren | Helen M. Szado | Palmer |

December

| | | | | |
|----|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|
| 6 | Donald A. Duperrault | | Lucille P. Temple | Hampden |
| | | Westfield | | |
| 14 | Robert G. Berry | Spfld. | Marie J. Nichols | Monson |
| 27 | William A. Darmofal | | Annie Mazidon | Palmer |
| | | New Bedford | | |
| 27 | Clarence J. Polanski | Palmer | Edna M. Calkins | Palmer |

Deaths 1947

| DATE | NAME | YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS |
|------|------|-------|--------|------|
|------|------|-------|--------|------|

January

| | | | | |
|----|----------------------|----|----|----|
| 1 | Deborah Evelyn Stacy | — | — | 1 |
| 4 | Mary Ann McManus | 65 | 10 | 24 |
| 6 | Nelson St. John | 78 | — | — |
| 14 | Lena Mae Maxwell | 61 | 3 | — |
| 15 | Julia Belle Olin | 68 | 11 | 7 |
| 15 | Marion Ryan | 49 | 7 | 16 |
| 25 | Ambrose St. George | 52 | — | — |

February

| | | | | |
|----|-------------------------|------------|----|----|
| 14 | Amanda Racicot | 69 | — | — |
| 15 | Margaret Edmonds | 74 | — | — |
| 16 | Ethel Mae Potter | 54 | 9 | 4 |
| 16 | Stanley T. Skawienski | 28 | — | 19 |
| 17 | Solomea Obertz | Approx. 55 | — | — |
| 19 | William Bernard Kerigan | 73 | 11 | 29 |
| 19 | Maurice Joseph O'Connor | 53 | 3 | 25 |
| 22 | Maciej Robak | 69 | — | — |

March

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|----|----------------------|----|----|----|
| 6 | Michael Cavanaugh | 75 | 10 | — |
| 6 | John Thomas Phillips | — | — | 3 |
| 10 | Joseph Vincent Lucas | 74 | — | — |
| 14 | Susie E. Lyons | 68 | 1 | 9 |
| 15 | Alice May Casey | 46 | 10 | 2 |
| 17 | William G. Curtis | 75 | — | — |
| 24 | Joseph Stokosa | 58 | — | — |
| 25 | Clarence Leon Knapp | — | — | 3 |
| 26 | Apolonia Kincius | 57 | — | — |
| 27 | Sarah P. Waite | 85 | 2 | 24 |
| 30 | Cornelius Healey | 71 | — | — |

April

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|----|----------------------|----|---|----|
| 12 | William Francis Dunn | 31 | 5 | 12 |
| 13 | Lawrence Frank Kusza | 74 | — | — |

| DATE | NAME | YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS |
|------|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| 16 | Etta May Smith | 76 | 2 | 10 |
| 19 | Sidney R. Carsley | 67 | 7 | 21 |
| 19 | Emilia Krasowski | 63 | — | — |
| 21 | Cyprien Lavigne | 75 | 4 | — |
| 24 | Patrick J. Brown | 85 | — | 19 |
| 29 | Bridget Veronica O'Connor | 77 | — | — |
| 29 | Saraphine Mary Russell | 67 | — | 11 |

May

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|----|--------------------|----|---|----|
| 11 | Sidney Kemp Tuttle | 60 | 1 | 15 |
| 15 | Antonio Uliana | 56 | 7 | — |
| 29 | Wasył Romanczuk | 63 | — | — |
| 31 | Cecelia Linder | 78 | 6 | 5 |

June

| | | | | |
|----|----------------------|----|----|----|
| 4 | Milton Sanford Booth | 71 | 4 | 12 |
| 4 | Mary Elizabeth Daley | 74 | 9 | 19 |
| 11 | Wilfred Briere | 47 | — | — |
| 28 | Armand J. Leveillee | — | 11 | 14 |
| 30 | Thirsa Dell Randlett | 69 | — | 28 |

July

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|----|---------------------------|----|----|----|
| 20 | Ernest N. Hulse | 72 | 8 | — |
| 23 | Albert Joseph Bachand | 69 | 2 | 10 |
| 28 | Nellie Veronica O'Brien | 62 | 11 | 25 |
| 29 | Walter S. Noga | 59 | — | — |
| 29 | Leopold Joseph Paquette | 41 | 8 | 26 |
| 30 | Raffaele Alfred Celentano | 71 | 11 | 11 |
| 31 | Charles Edward Godek | 41 | 7 | 19 |

August

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|----|----|----|
| 3 | Frances Demorad | 71 | — | — |
| 5 | Neagh Bakker | 62 | — | — |
| 13 | Ellsworth Frey | 73 | 11 | 24 |
| 17 | Mary E. Sullivan | 81 | — | — |
| 18 | John Dobek | 71 | — | — |
| 30 | Simon Kmiecik | 71 | — | — |

| DATE | NAME | YEARS | MONTHS | DAYS |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--------|------|
| September | | | | |
| 10 | Edward J. Curtin | 64 | 9 | 12 |
| 10 | Jennie M. Powers | 83 | 7 | 12 |
| 10 | Veronica Wojnilowicz | 17 | 7 | 24 |
| 13 | Agnes Joanna Noga | 71 | 5 | 5 |
| 13 | Mary Phaneuf | 43 | 8 | 22 |
| 14 | Sophie Pisarczyk | 71 | — | — |
| 23 | Frank Mitchell Savage | 63 | 11 | 24 |
| October | | | | |
| 3 | Margaret Lyons | 75 | — | — |
| 3 | Bertha Powers | 70 | 8 | — |
| 3 | John J. Tyksienski | 64 | — | — |
| 12 | Daniel Francis Austin | 68 | 11 | 7 |
| 16 | Hilda Madsen | 65 | 8 | 8 |
| 18 | Alexina Lapointe | 48 | 7 | — |
| 23 | Elaine McKee | 23 | 9 | 6 |
| 24 | Sidney Welch | 84 | — | — |
| November | | | | |
| 4 | Honora A. Dawson | 76 | — | — |
| 5 | Lucy Hamilton | 74 | 11 | 13 |
| 12 | Marcin Dudek | 70 | — | — |
| 15 | Ernest Edward French | 74 | 10 | 10 |
| 16 | George Francis Bisnette | 51 | 4 | — |
| 17 | Stanley Frank Salamon | 46 | — | — |
| 19 | Esther E. Smith | 50 | — | — |
| 22 | Alice Ida Smith | 71 | 6 | 1 |
| 26 | John Misiaszek | — | — | 1½ |
| December | | | | |
| 3 | Jan Kulaga | 84 | — | — |
| 13 | Narcisse Bernard | 69 | — | — |
| 15 | John J. Kenny | 59 | — | — |
| 17 | Piotr Bigda | 66 | — | — |
| 18 | Andrew A. Krzywda | 69 | — | — |
| 24 | Florence Corey | 62 | — | — |
| 26 | Frank J. Longtine | 63 | — | — |
| 27 | Mederise Morrisette | 72 | 10 | 24 |
| 28 | Larry Stanley Hine | — | 1 | 16 |
| 31 | Jadwiga Ziembra | 62 | — | — |

1947

Report of Tax Collector

ACCOUNT OF 1945

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1947 | \$193.77 | |
| Interest and demands | 9.13 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$202.90 |
| Paid Treasurer | \$188.30 | |
| Abatements | 14.60 | |
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| | | 202.90 |
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ACCOUNT OF 1946

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1947 | \$19,596.78 | |
| Additional Assessors' warrants to be collected | 553.01 | |
| Interest and demands | 397.93 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes abated after payment | 13.99 | |
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| | | \$20,561.71 |
| Paid Treasurer | \$20,255.90 | |
| Abatements | 105.69 | |
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| | | 20,361.59 |
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| Outstanding December 31, 1947 | | \$200.12 |

ACCOUNT OF 1947

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Assessors' warrants to be collected | \$335,419.64 | |
| Interest | 126.20 | |
| Poll taxes abated after payment | 4.00 | |
| Real estate taxes abated after payment | 2,106.00 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes abated after payment | 218.35 | |
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| | | \$337,874.19 |
| Paid Treasurer | \$300,108.95 | |
| Abatements | 7,023.51 | |
| Added to Tax Titles | 84.00 | |
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| | | 307,216.46 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Outstanding December 31, 1947 | | \$30,657.73 |

FOX STREET SIDEWALK

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| Outstanding December 31, 1947 | \$ 97.74 |
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JOHN T. BROWN

Collector of Taxes

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance on hand January 1, 1947 | \$379,355.97 |
| John T. Brown, Tax Collector: | |
| Taxes, 1945 | \$179.17 |
| Interest and Demands, 1945 | 9.13 |
| Taxes, 1946 | 19,857.97 |
| Interest and Demands, 1946 | 397.93 |
| Taxes, 1947 | 299,982.75 |
| Interest, 1947 | 126.20 |
| Withholding Tax Deductions | 25,892.05 |
| Sale of Tax Possessions | 500.00 |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | |
| Taxes, Reimbursements, etc. | 218,547.50 |
| Chapter 90, Contract No. 10122 | 13,302.19 |
| County of Hampden: | |
| Chapter 90, Contract No. 9776 | 999.97 |
| Chapter 90, Contract No. 10122 | 6,651.08 |
| All Other Sources | 40,720.09 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 627,166.03 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,006,522.00 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Paid out on Selectmen's Warrants | \$608,021.74 |
| Balance on hand December 31, 1947 | 398,500.26 |
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| | \$1,006,522.00 |

ROBERT L. McDONALD

Town Treasurer

Report of Assessors

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Palmer, The Board of Assessors, respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1947:

Town Appropriations:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| To be raised by taxation | \$469,251.25 |
| To be taken from available funds | 32,745.96 |
| Maturing Debt and Interest | 3,037.50 |
| State Tax | 6,800.00 |
| State Parks and Reservations | 558.18 |
| 1946 State Parks and Reservations | |
| Underestimate | 209.32 |
| State Audit | 547.99 |
| County Tax | 15,598.56 |
| Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment | 723.86 |
| Overlay | 11,492.53 |
| 1946 County Tax Underestimate | 214.95 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$541,180.10 |

Estimated Receipts

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Income Tax | \$28,837.86 |
| Corporation Taxes | 64,264.26 |
| Reimbursement, State-owned land | 181.99 |
| Gasoline Tax | 13,297.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 11,000.00 |
| Licenses | 9,000.00 |
| Fines | 1,100.00 |
| Protection of Persons and Property | 150.00 |

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Health and Sanitation | 200.00 |
| Highways | 1,000.00 |
| Charities | 6,000.00 |
| Old Age Assistance | 31,000.00 |
| Old Age Tax (Meals) | 1,887.50 |
| Veterans' Benefits | 1,400.00 |
| Schools | 10,000.00 |
| Interest, on Taxes and Assessments | 500.00 |
| Supplemental Cherry Sheet #5647— | |
| Corporation Tax | 4,196.89 |
| Income Tax | 12,443.44 |

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Total Estimated Receipts | \$196,458.94 |
| Available Funds | 32,745.96 |

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| Total estimated Receipts and Available Funds | 229,204.90 |
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| Net amount to be raised by Taxation | \$311,975.20 |
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| Less 3,272 Polls at \$2.00 each | 6,544.00 |
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| Total amount to be raised by taxation on Property | \$305,431.20 |
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Tax Rate: \$40.00 per M

Assessed Valuation for 1947:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Personal Estate | \$1,188,000.00 |
| Buildings, exclusive of land | 4,878,755.00 |
| Land, exclusive of buildings | 1,569,025.00 |
| TOTAL VALUATION | \$7,635,780.00 |

| Number of Persons assessed | Individuals | All Others | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| On Personal Estate | 200 | 27 | 227 |
| On Real Estate Only | 2533 | 67 | 2600 |
| On both Personal and Real Estate | 300 | 28 | 328 |
| | | | <hr/> 3155 |

Number of Live Stock Assessed:

| | |
|--------|-------|
| Horses | 79 |
| Cows | 562 |
| Bulls | 19 |
| Swine | 33 |
| Sheep | 9 |
| Fowl | 11730 |
| Goats | 8 |

Number of Acres of Land assessed 18,339

Number of dwelling houses assessed 1,575

RECAPITULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

| Com- mitment | Date of Commitment | | Number | Valuation | Excise |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| First | May | 5, 1947 | 415 | \$ 85,310.00 | \$3,093.97 |
| Second | May | 24, 1947 | 1389 | 234,980.00 | 8,343.36 |
| Third | Aug. | 30, 1947 | 639 | 190,400.00 | 6,024.50 |
| Fourth | Oct. | 16, 1947 | 237 | 138,000.00 | 3,227.83 |
| Fifth | Dec. | 19, 1947 | 221 | 144,240.00 | 2,173.27 |
| Sixth | Dec. | 30, 1947 | 80 | 42,930.00 | 385.51 |
| Total for 1947 | | | <hr/> 2981 | <hr/> \$835,860.00 | <hr/> \$23,248.44 |

Excise Tax Rate: \$36.23 per M

Abatements granted on Motor Vehicle Excise Tax:

| | |
|-----------|---------|
| 1945 Levy | \$ 8.90 |
| 1946 Levy | 15.99 |
| 1947 Levy | 899.51 |

Abatements granted on 1945 Levy:

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| Poll Tax | \$ 2.00 |
| Real Estate | 3.70 |

Abatements granted on 1946 Levy:

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| Real Estate | \$89.70 |
|-------------|---------|

Abatements granted on 1947 Levy:

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| Poll Tax | \$2,224.00 |
| Personal | 86.00 |
| Real Estate | 3,814.00 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Tax Title Account abatement granted | \$5,245.96 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. SMITH

OSCAR F. BRESSETTE

LUDWIK MARHELEWICZ

Board of Assessors

List of Jurors

In accordance with Chapter 234 of General Laws, the Selectmen of the Town of Palmer have prepared the following list of inhabitants of said Town of Palmer as qualified to serve as Jurors for the year beginning July 1st, 1947:

PRECICT A—PALMER

| | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Grover C. Smith | 5 Fenton St. |
| James R. Demaio | 11 Maple St. |
| Leo H. Roberge | 15 Oak St. |
| James A. Vennert | Wilbraham St. |
| John W. Carlson | Brown St. |
| Leslie R. Keith | Central St. |
| James H. Mulvey | So. Main St. |
| Leopold Laviolette | No. Main St. |
| William J. Doyle | Pine St. |
| Wilfred L. Dupre | Park St. |
| Samuel J. Mullen | Green St. |
| Milton J. Wood | 29 Pine St. |
| Charles N. Marsh | 68 Park St. |
| Edward A. Delude | 28 Fox St. |
| George R. Chaples | 12 High St. |
| Michael J. Grimes | 46 Pleasant St. |
| George F. Royce | 570 No. Main St. |
| Henry F. Moon | 40 Pleasant St. |
| John W. Branford | 48 Walnut St. |
| George F. Woods | 23 Walnut St. |
| Frank J. Jarvis | 50 Squier St. |

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Charles F. Evasius | 4 Allen St. |
| Horace M. Stearns | 1005 No. Main St. |
| Frederick Lindstrom | 511 No. Main St. |
| Edward E. Skowyra | Converse St. |
| Stephen Scudder | Longview Rd. |
| Samuel D. Clark | 393 Main St. |
| Edward G. Lavallee | 4 Bowden St. |
| William F. Dunn | 53 Central St. |
| Frank Rathbone | Squier St. |
| Fred Hodson | 6 Grove St. |
| Marshall Dane | 17 Church St. |
| Everett W. Eldridge | 48 Converse St. |
| John E. Hopkins | 447 No. Main St. |
| Wilfred Marchand | 535 No. Main St. |
| Arthur Hedman | Lathrop St. |
| Kenneth Keefe | 43 Converse St. |
| James F. Smith | 23 Pearl St. |
| Charles Warka | Shaw St. |
| Harold W. Swann | 214 So. Main St. |

PRECINCT B—THORNDIKE

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Chester Bogacz | Church St. |
| Bernard R. Cantwell | Commercial St. |
| Carlos E. Sullivan | 26 Summer St. |
| Joseph Papuzenski | Main St. |
| Walter Papuga | Main St. |
| William J. Karlon | Hobbs St. |
| Patrick J. Nagle | Hobbs St. |
| Medric Bouthillier | Main St. |
| Alex Matera | School St. |
| Francis Longtine | Church St. |
| John Jamrog | Pine St. |
| Joseph Salamon | Church St. |
| James Ellithorpe | High St. |
| Aloysius J. Tyburski | Commercial St. |

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| John J. Brennan | Church St. |
| Frank Zebrowski | Main St. |
| Lewis Walulak | Hill St. |

PRECINCT C—THREE RIVERS

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Harold A. Chamberlain | Maple Ter. |
| Harry W. Stein | Maple Ter. |
| Alfred Ziegler | Baptist Hill |
| Ernest C. Lundquist | Maple Ter. |
| Anthony Klekotka | Belchertown St. |
| George Magoni | Belanger St. |
| Orlin F. Rogers | Maple Ter. |
| Edward Nadolny | Maple St. |
| Elmer A. Palm | Maple St. |
| Edward W. Roman | Bourne St. |
| Henry M. Senecal | Bourne St. |
| Dennis J. Horgan | Main St. |
| John Bogacz | Pleasant St. |
| Harry J. L. Stein | Maple Ter. |
| Alcide Poitras | High St. |
| Robert Geer | High St. |
| Wilfred Dorsey | High St. |
| Walter J. Majka | 78 Palmer St. |
| Harry J. Lombardi | 23 High St. |
| Alexander Hryniewicz | 7 Palmer St. |
| Henry J. Jacek | 18 Palmer St. |
| Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr. | 1 Pleasant St. |
| James F. Clark | 34 Pleasant St. |
| John Lis, Sr. | Bridge St. |
| Frank Swiatlowski | 22 North St. |
| Michael L. Piechota | 64 Pleasant St. |
| Edward Wilks | 38 Bourne St. |
| Ralph J. Rocheford | 79 Springfield St. |
| Frank B. Skutnik | 41 Ruggles St. |

PRECINCT D—BONDSVILLE

| | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Henning W. Forsman | Palmer St. |
| Thomas J. Fitzgerald | 9 So. High St. |
| Leo H. Labonte | 105 So. High St. |
| Joseph J. Klaus | High St. |
| Joseph C. Lusty | 144 So. Main St. |
| Joseph F. Piechota | 145 So. Main St. |
| Stanley P. Wadas | 131 Main St. |
| Frederick W. Smith | 139 Main St. |
| Barney G. Skowronek | 105 Main St. |
| Frederick J. Mastalerz | 50 State St. |
| John L. Mega | 139 High St. |
| Elwyn F. Hayes | 34 State St. |
| Lawrence J. Koslik | 3 Crest St. |
| James Odell | 50 So. Main St. |

P. J. WARAKOMSKI

HERBERT W. BISHOP

JAMES FITZGERALD

Board of Selectmen

Report of

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Palmer, Mass.

Dec. 22nd, 1947

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Palmer, Palmer, Mass.

This department has adjusted, sealed, not sealed, and condemned the following.

| SCALES | Adj't | Sealed | Not Sealed | Con- demned |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------|----------------|
| Platform, 10,000 lbs. or over | 9 | 11 | | |
| Platform 5,000 to 10,000 lbs. | 4 | 7 | | |
| Platform, 100 to 5,000 lbs. | 41 | 64 | | |
| Counter, 100 to 5,000 lbs. | 2 | 5 | | |
| Counter, under 100 lbs. | 8 | 48 | | |
| Beam, 100 to 5,000 lbs. | 4 | 7 | | |
| Beam, under 100 lbs. | | 1 | | |
| Spring, 1,000 to 5,000 lbs. | 4 | 15 | | |
| Spring, under 100 lbs. | 32 | 51 | | |
| Computing, 100 lbs. or over | 1 | 1 | | |
| Computing, under 100 lbs. | 13 | 39 | 2 | 1 |
| Personal weighing (slot) | | 23 | | 2 |
| Prescription Scales | | 4 | | |
| Total | 120 | 276 | 2 | 3 |

WEIGHTS

| | Adj't | Sealed | Not Sealed | Con-demned |
|-------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|
| Avoirdupois | 20 | 446 | | |
| Apothecary | | 54 | | |
| Metric | | 39 | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | | |
| Total | 30 | 539 | | |

CAPACITY MEASURES

| | Adj't | Sealed | Not Sealed | Con-demned |
|------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|
| Liquid, 1 gal. or less | | 57 | | |
| Liquid, 1 gal. or more | | 23 | | |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| Total | | 80 | | |

AUTOMATIC MEASURING DEVICES

| | Adj't | Sealed | Not Sealed | Con-demned |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|
| Meters, T.T.M.S. 1 in. inlet | 8 | 15 | | |
| Meters, T.T.M.S. over 1 in. Bulk | 7 | 7 | | |
| Gasoline Meas. Pumps | 13 | 98 | 2 | 1 |
| Kerosene Pumps | | 9 | | 1 |
| Grease Meas. device | | 31 | | 1 |
| Stops on pumps | | 28 | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 28 | 188 | 2 | 3 |

LINEAR MEASURES

| | Adj't | Sealed | Not Sealed | Con-demned |
|------------------------|-------|--------|------------|------------|
| Yard Sticks | | 25 | | |
| Tapes | | 1 | | |
| Cloth Measuring Device | | 2 | | |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| Total | | 28 | | |

TRIAL WEIGHING AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD, OR PUT UP FOR SALE

| | Tested | Correct | Under | Over |
|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| Bread | 544 | 327 | 107 | 110 |
| Butter | 487 | 413 | 41 | 33 |
| Coal in Paper Bags | 49 | 30 | | 19 |
| Confectionery | 60 | 60 | | |
| Dry Commodities | 869 | 662 | 154 | 53 |
| Flour | 168 | 50 | 107 | 11 |
| Fruits and Vegetables | 131 | 95 | 23 | 13 |
| Grain and Feeds | 76 | 53 | 8 | 15 |
| Hay | 19 | 16 | | 3 |
| Ice | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Lard | 339 | 318 | 21 | |
| Potatoes | 269 | 108 | 72 | 89 |
| Meats and Provisions | 112 | 94 | 16 | 2 |
| Cord Wood | 7 | 4 | | 3 |
| Coal in transit | 13 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 3151 | 2234 | 559 | 358 |

INSPECTIONS

| | |
|----------------------------|------|
| Clinical Therm. | 221 |
| Coal Certificates | 17 |
| Ice Scales | 11 |
| Junk Scales | 7 |
| Marking of Bread | 806 |
| Marking of Food Packages | 1201 |
| Metal Ice Cream Containers | 20 |
| Milk Jars | 686 |
| Peddlers' Licenses | 20 |
| Peddlers' Scales | 19 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Transient Vendors | 5 |
| Wholesale Milk Cans | 148 |
| Oil Bottles | 224 |
| Scales (other than sealing) | 52 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 3437 |

SUMMARY OF TEST MADE

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Gasoline Devices (other than sealing) | 50 |
| Manufacturers sealed milk jars | 206 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 256 |

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Sealing Fees Collected | \$215.23 |
| Paid to Town Treasurer | \$215.23 |
| Appropriation | \$850.00 |
| Expenditures | 842.67 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$7.33 |

The foregoing comprises my annual report ending December 31st, 1947.

Respectfully yours,

ALBERT A. BOISSY

1 Bourne St.

Three Rivers, Mass.

Sealer of Weights and Measures
for
The Town of Palmer, Palmer, Mass.

VETERAN'S SERVICE CENTER

January 1, 1948

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report for the Department of Veterans' Services, Veterans' Service Center for the year 1947.

Our records show that 87 veterans have received their discharges from the Armed Forces during the year. This brings the total number of discharges to 1380 at the present time, leaving about 270 more who are still in the Service.

During 1947 there were four deaths among the veterans of this town. Of this number 2 were World War I and 2 were World War II veterans.

Various services rendered at the Center during the year include the following:

- 2966 Contacts made during 1947.
- 106 Bonus applications filed.
- 676 Photostatic copies, discharge certificates and other papers.
- 196 Terminal Leave applications filed.
- 1002 Telephone calls received.
- 96 U.S.E.S. Referrals.
- 434 Veterans' Administration referrals.
- 18 Pensions, Form 526 filed.

- 247 Insurance problems.
- 68 Education, Form 7-1950 filed.
- 4 Rehabilitation, Form 1900 filed.
- 13 Education inquiries.
- 90 Sugar applications filed.
- 122 Letters and Affidavits.
- 22 Income Tax inquiries.
- 16 Tax Exemption applications.
- 1 Emergency hospitalization.
- 41 Hospitalization, P-10 filed.
- 49 G. I. Loan referrals.
- 721 Notary Public Services.
- 11 Employment inquiries.
- 8 Civil Service.
- 42 Out-patient, medical and dental.
- 5 Legal Advice referrals.
- 8 Surplus Commodities information.
- 5 Burial Allowance.
- 3 Burial Flags.
- 3 Grave Markers.
- 9 Return of War Dead applications filed.
- 926 Miscellaneous information.
- 4 P-22 filed.
- 1 Job Reinstatement filed.

We have been very fortunate the past year to have the continued service of the Itinerant Contact Representative of the Veterans' Administration at the Veterans' Service Center for the convenience of veterans and their families. Owing to an economy measure, this service was somewhat curtailed toward the end of the year and the Representative could give only two half days a month to Palmer. However, we have been assured that during 1948, Itinerant Contact service will be given the Center each week. The Representative will be on duty each Wednesday morning from 9 o'clock until noon. It is the

hope of the Veterans' Administration that as many as possible will avail themselves of this service.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER CONNOR, Director
Veterans' Services

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS'
SERVICE CENTER

January 1, 1948

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Financial Report of the Veterans' Service Center
from January 1, 1947 to January 1, 1948.

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| Appropriations | Expenditures | Balance |
| Total, \$2,887.00 | \$2,265.15 | \$621.85 |

Expenditures:

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries—Clerk | \$1,560.00 | |
| Temporary Clerk | 200.00 | |
| Janitor | 222.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$1,982.00 | \$1,982.00 |
| Miscellaneous— | | |
| Telephone | \$154.21 | |
| Postage | 18.86 | |

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|------------|
| Office supplies | 25.85 | |
| Photo supplies | 64.85 | |
| Miscellaneous | 19.38 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$283.15 | 283.15 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total | | \$2,265.15 |

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER CONNOR, Director

Veterans' Services

Report of

The Board of Public Welfare

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer :

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare
for the year 1947 is hereby respectfully submitted:

| Aided in this town Account of: | No. of Cases | No. of Persons | Amount |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Town Infirmary | 17 | 17 | \$7,396.01 |
| In Homes, Private Families and Institutions | 27 | 56 | 4,659.56 |
| For Other Cities and Towns | 4 | 8 | 108.95 |
| For State | 10 | 52 | 2,858.92 |
| By Other Cities and Towns | 3 | 4 | 650.60 |

RECEIPTS

Appropriations :

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Support of Poor and General Administration | \$13,500.00 |
| Refund, Town Appropriation | 22.14 |
| Transfer, Town Appropriation | 2,000.00 |
| Salary of Board | 600.00 |
| Salary of Agent | 330.00 |
| Salary of Town Physician | 500.00 |
| Salary of Jr. Clerk | 226.00 |
| Special Appr.—Town Infirmary | 850.00 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Special Appr.—Fire Hydrant— | | |
| Town Infirmary | 150.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Town Appropriation | | \$18,178.14 |
| Town Infirmary Receipts | 907.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 907.50 |
| Reimbursements: | | |
| From Cities and Towns | \$2,277.11 | |
| From State | 369.51 | |
| From Individuals | 57.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Reimbursements | | 2,703.62 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | | \$21,789.26 |

PAYMENTS

Administration:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Salary of Board | \$600.00 | |
| Salary of Town Physician | 500.00 | |
| Salary of Agent | 330.00 | |
| Salary of Jr. Clerk | 226.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,656.00 |

Administrative Expenses:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| Transportation and Travel | \$ 63.10 | |
| Postage | 8.25 | |
| Supplies | 12.87 | |
| Telephones | 97.27 | |
| Advertisement | 8.92 | |
| Public Welfare Association Dues | 6.00 | |
| Labor | 5.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |

201.41

Town Infirmary Expenses:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Bedding | \$ 8.00 |
| Boiler Inspection | 5.00 |
| Clothing | 88.46 |
| Dental | 9.00 |
| Equipment | 21.50 |
| Fuel | 517.90 |
| Glasses | 18.00 |
| Grain | 289.50 |
| Ice | 52.23 |
| Labor | 40.00 |
| Light | 113.50 |
| Medical | 3.00 |
| Medical Supplies | 4.55 |
| Medicine | 225.22 |
| Mowing | 66.50 |
| Papers | 6.59 |
| Plumbing and Plumbing Supplies | 37.16 |
| Provisions | 3,213.02 |
| Repairs | 17.76 |
| Seed and Insecticide | 31.73 |
| Shoeing Horse | 24.00 |
| Supplies | 64.62 |
| Surplus Commodities | 3.30 |
| Telephone | 44.56 |
| Tobacco and Pipes | 91.36 |
| Transportation | 10.00 |
| Veterinary Services | 21.50 |
| X-Ray | 10.00 |
| Salary, Warden and Matron | 1,382.10 |

 6,420.06

Expenses from Special Appropriation

Town Infirmary:

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Equipment and Supplies | \$420.53 |
| Plumbing | 20.85 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Painting, Papering and Repairs | 278.62 |
| Installation of Equipment | 54.00 |
| Tapping Machine | 10.00 |
| Valve | 63.10 |

847.10

Expenses from Special Appropriation
Fire Hydrant—Town Infirmary:

| | |
|---------|----------|
| Hydrant | \$128.85 |
|---------|----------|

128.85

Outside—Poor (Palmer Settled Cases
Aided Direct):

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Anesthesia | \$20.00 |
| Board, Private Families | 614.59 |
| Board, Private Institutions | 664.65 |
| Cash | 60.00 |
| Cleaning Clothing | 6.75 |
| Clothing | 217.92 |
| Dental | 52.00 |
| Eye Examination | 5.00 |
| Fuel | 62.93 |
| Hospitals | 683.70 |
| Hospital Transportation | 15.50 |
| Medical | 41.00 |
| Medicine | 79.24 |
| Nursing Care | 15.00 |
| Provisions | 1,682.13 |
| Rent | 261.35 |
| Repair of Glasses | 3.00 |
| Surgical Appliances | 19.80 |
| Surgical and Obstetrical | 140.00 |
| Tonsillectomy | 15.00 |

4,659.56

State Cases—(Cases Without Settlement) :

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Cash | \$773.70 | |
| Clothing | 109.69 | |
| Dental | 2.00 | |
| Ether Anesthesia | 20.00 | |
| Fuel | 118.00 | |
| Hospital | 288.90 | |
| Light | 4.80 | |
| Medicine | 109.70 | |
| Obstetrical and Surgical | 50.00 | |
| Provisions | 1,224.63 | |
| Rent | 82.50 | |
| Repair of Glasses | 3.00 | |
| Spinal Anesthesia | 10.00 | |
| Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy | 60.00 | |
| Transportation | 2.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 2,858.92 |

For Other Cities and Towns—(Cases Settled
in Other Cities and Towns—Aided in
Palmer) :

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|
| Cash | \$ 1.50 | |
| Clothing | 5.98 | |
| Fuel | 2.85 | |
| Hospitals | 42.00 | |
| Hospital Transportation | 8.00 | |
| Meals | 2.05 | |
| Medicine | 3.50 | |
| Provisions | 38.32 | |
| Rent | 2.50 | |
| Room Rent | 2.25 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 108.95 |

By Other Cities and Towns—(Palmer Settled
Cases Aided in Other Cities and
Towns) :

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-------------|
| Burial | \$150.00 | |
| Cash | 500.60 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 650.60 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Expenses | | \$17,531.45 |

NET COST OF CHARITIES

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Total Expenses | \$17,531.45 |
|----------------|-------------|

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Less Total Overlay | \$646.69 | |
| Less Receipts of Town Infirmary | 3,272.70 | |
| Less Outstanding Bills | 2,961.38 | |
| Less Outstanding Board | 1,026.00 | |
| Less Reimbursements | 281.42 | |
| Less Reimbursements from Individuals | 57.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 8,245.19 |
| | | <hr/> |

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Net Cost | \$9,286.26 |
|----------|------------|

| | |
|--|----------|
| Overlay from Support of Poor and General Administration | \$622.64 |
|--|----------|

| | |
|---|------|
| Overlay from Special Appropriation— Town Infirmary | 2.90 |
|---|------|

| | |
|--|-------|
| Overlay from Special Appropriation— Fire Hydrant—Town Infirmary | 21.15 |
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| | |
|---------------|----------|
| Total Overlay | \$646.69 |
|---------------|----------|

REPORT OF THE TOWN INFIRMARY

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Board | \$3,167.70 | |
| Lease of Land | 50.00 | |
| Sale of Stock | 55.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Receipts | | \$3,272.70 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| Paid Treasurer | \$857.50 | |
| Balance Paid Town Treasurer | 2,415.20 | |
| (Direct) | | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Disbursements | | 3,272.70 |

BILLS RECEIVABLE

| | | |
|-------|------------|------------|
| Board | \$1,026.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$1,026.00 |

INVENTORY

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Furniture | \$2,000.00 | |
| Food and Supplies | 250.00 | |
| Livestock | 725.00 | |
| Hay and Grain | 600.00 | |
| Wood, Coal and Lumber | 305.00 | |
| Farm Implements | 300.00 | |
| Equipment | 200.00 | |
| Clothing | 40.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Inventory | | \$4,420.00 |
| Number of Inmates Registered during the year | | 17 |
| Largest number at one time | | 15 |
| Number of Inmates December 31, 1947 | | 15 |

NET COST OF TOWN INFIRMARY

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total Expenses—Town Infirmary | \$6,420.06 | |
| Total Expenses from Special Appr.— | | |
| Town Infirmary—Repairs | 847.10 | |
| Total Expenses from Special Appr.— | | |
| Fire Hydrant | 128.85 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Expenses | | \$7,396.01 |
| Less Receipts | \$3,272.70 | |
| Less Outstanding Board | 1,026.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | 4,298.70 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net Cost | | \$3,097.31 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. McKENZIE, Chairman

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE

Board of Public Welfare

By: WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

Report of The Board of Public Welfare for Aid to Dependent Children

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer:

The annual report of the Board of Public Welfare on Aid to Dependent Children for the year 1947 is hereby respectfully submitted:

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Number of Cases | 9 |
| Number of Persons | 22 |

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Town Appropriation—Aid and General Expenses | \$6,280.00 |
| Transfer, Town Appropriation— Aid and General Expenses | 700.00 |
| Balance on hand, Federal Grant for Aid, January 1, 1947 | 256.19 |
| Received during the year, Federal Grants for Aid | 2,697.15 |
| Balance on hand, Federal Grant for Administration, January 1, 1947 | 194.56 |
| Received during the year, Federal Grants for Administration | 204.88 |
| Reimbursements from State | 2,950.31 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | \$13,283.09 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Cash from Federal Grant for Aid | \$2,102.75 | |
| Cash from Town Appropriation for Aid | 6,655.19 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Cash Expenditures for Aid | | \$8,757.94 |
| Administrative Expenses from Town Appropriation | | 110.00 |
| Expenses from Federal Grant for Administration | | 316.14 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Expenses | | \$9,184.08 |
| Less Reimbursements from State | \$2,950.31 | |
| Less Federal Grants | 3,352.78 | |
| Less Town Appropriation Overlay | 214.81 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 6,517.90 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net Cost | | \$2,666.18 |
| Balance from Federal Grant for Aid | \$850.59 | |
| Balance from Federal Grant for Administration | 83.30 | |
| Balance from Town Appropriation for Aid and General Expenses | 214.81 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Balance | | \$1,148.70 |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. McKENZIE, Chairman
 GEORGE E. CALLAHAN
 OSCAR LAVIOLETTE

Board of Public Welfare

By: WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

Report of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of Palmer:

The Annual Report of the Bureau of Old Age Assistance for the year 1947 is hereby respectfully submitted:

| | |
|---|------|
| Number of active cases January 1, 1947 | 141 |
| Applications pending January 1, 1947 | 2 |
| Applications received during the year | 40 |
| Applications approved during the year | 33 |
| Applications rejected during the year | 9 |
| Applications pending at end of year | None |
| Cases closed during the year | 29 |
| Number of active cases December 31, 1947 | 145 |
| Palmer settled cases aided in other towns | 11 |

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Town Appropriation, Aid and General Expenses | \$53,000.00 |
| Town Appropriation, Salary of Bureau of O.A.A. | 600.00 |
| Refund, Town Appropriation, Aid and General Expenses | 30.45 |
| U. S. Grants for Old Age Assistance Only: | |
| Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1947 | 2,699.76 |
| Received during the year | 37,863.41 |

U. S. Grants for Old Age

Administration Only:

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1947 | 205.67 |
| Received during the year | 1,281.14 |

\$95,680.43

Reimbursements:

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Cities and Towns | \$2,002.12 |
| State | 33,124.72 |
| Meal Tax from State | 2,412.55 |

37,539.30

Total Receipts

\$133,219.73

PAYMENTS

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Town Cases | \$60,675.25 |
| For Other Cities and Towns | 7,584.91 |
| For State | 16,658.02 |
| By Other Cities and Towns | 1,049.76 |

Total Expenses for Aid

\$85,967.94

Expended from Town Appropriation for Aid

\$50,185.82

Expended from Federal Grant for Aid

35,782.12

Total Expenses for Aid

\$85,967.94

ADMINISTRATION

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Bureau of Old Age Assistance | \$600.00 |
| Administration | 2,818.00 |

\$3,418.00

Other Expenses:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Transportation and Travel | \$159.50 |
| Postage and Telegrams | 59.03 |
| Supplies | 83.56 |
| Telephone | 48.94 |
| Social Service Index | 20.50 |
| Sign and Keys | 9.00 |
| Cleaning and Adjusting Typewriter | 10.00 |

 390.53

 Total Administrative Expenses \$3,808.53

Expended from Town Appropriation

for Salary of Bureau \$600.00

Expended from Town Appropriation

for Administrative Expenses 1,822.10

Expended from Federal Grant for
Administration

1,386.43

 \$3,808.53

 Total Expenses for Aid and Administration \$89,776.47

NET COST OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Total Expenses \$89,776.47

Less Reimbursements from State

and Other Cities and Towns \$35,126.84

Less U. S. Grants 42,049.98

Less Outstanding Bills, Other

Cities and Towns 859.04

Less Meal Tax from State 2,412.55

Less Refund 30.45

Less Town Appropriation Overlay 992.08

 81,470.94

 Net Cost \$8,305.53

Balance from Federal Grant for Aid \$4,781.05

Balance from Federal Grant for
Administration 100.38

Balance from Town Appropriation
for Aid and General Expenses 1,022.53

Total Balance \$5,903.96

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. CALLAHAN, Chairman

JOHN K. McKENZIE

OSCAR LAVIOLETTE

Bureau of Old Age Assistance

By: WILLIAM C. DALY, Agent

Report of The Board of Health

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Palmer:

The Board of Health of the Town of Palmer hereby submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1947.

TABLE No. 1

| Disease | No. of Cases |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Chicken Pox | 6 |
| Dog Bite | 8 |
| German Measles | 1 |
| Measles | 43 |
| Scarlet Fever | 9 |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 3 |
| Paratyphoid Fever | 1 |
| Meningitis | 1 |
| Undulant Fever | 1 |
| Whooping Cough | 8 |

TABLE No. 2

Number of Deaths reported during 1947:

| | |
|----------|----|
| January | 6 |
| February | 8 |
| March | 12 |
| April | 7 |

| | |
|-----------|-------|
| May | 5 |
| June | 5 |
| July | 12 |
| August | 5 |
| September | 5 |
| October | 5 |
| November | 10 |
| December | 6 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 86 |

TABLE No. 3

Deaths Classified by Ages

| | Total | Male | Female |
|------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Less than 1 year | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| 1 - 5 years | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 - 10 " | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 - 15 " | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15 - 20 " | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 - 30 " | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 30 - 40 " | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 - 50 " | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| 50 - 60 " | 10 | 8 | 2 |
| 60 - 70 " | 23 | 11 | 12 |
| 70 - 80 " | 26 | 15 | 11 |
| 80 - 90 " | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 90-100 " | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stillborn | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 86 | 48 | 38 |

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriations:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Tuberculosis, Contagious Diseases and Other Expenses | \$3,500.00 |
|---|------------|

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Vital Statistics | 600.00 | |
| Meat and Milk Inspection | 650.00 | |
| Parochial Schools | 300.00 | |
| Salary of Board | 300.00 | |
| Salary of Agent and Clerk | 220.00 | |
| Refund, Town Appropriation | 219.14 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Town Appropriation | | \$5,789.14 |
| From Licenses : | | |
| Ice Cream and Frozen Desserts | \$75.00 | |
| Pasteurization of Milk | 40.00 | |
| Milk | 27.50 | |
| Oleomargarine | 8.00 | |
| Bottling | 40.00 | |
| Undertakers | 7.00 | |
| Poultry Dressing | 2.00 | |
| Wood Alcohol Licenses | 8.00 | |
| Camp Licenses | 1.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Receipts from Licenses | | 209.00 |
| Reimbursements : | | |
| From Other Cities and Towns | \$291.03 | |
| From State | 406.56 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Reimbursements | | 697.59 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | | \$6,695.73 |

PAYMENTS

| | |
|--|----------|
| From Tuberculosis, Contagious Diseases and Other Expenses : | |
| Rutland State Sanatorium | \$151.50 |
| Westfield State Sanatorium | 274.50 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Hospitals | 716.59 | |
| Local Hospital | 16.00 | |
| Trans. to State Sanatoria | 110.00 | |
| Toxin-Antitoxin and Typhoid | 109.00 | |
| Medical | 234.00 | |
| Milk | 6.20 | |
| Provisions | 52.00 | |
| Posting and Removing Contagious | | |
| Disease Cards | 9.80 | |
| Supplies | 20.25 | |
| Telephones and Telegrams | 82.29 | |
| Express | 10.33 | |
| Transportation and Expenses | 36.05 | |
| Typewriting and Printing | 50.00 | |
| Scales and Files | 113.66 | |
| Inspection of Scales | 1.00 | |
| Nursing Care | 16.00 | |
| Fuel | 10.50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,019.67 |
| Vital Statistics: | | |
| Births—Deaths—Marriages | \$600.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 600.00 |
| Expenses from Special Appropriation | | |
| for Parochial Schools | \$147.12 | |
| | <hr/> | 147.12 |
| Meat and Milk Inspection: | | |
| Meat Inspection | \$22.50 | |
| Trans. on Meat Inspection | 15.20 | |
| Milk Inspection | 513.50 | |
| Trans. on Milk Inspection | 61.10 | |
| | <hr/> | 612.30 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Salary of Board | \$274.97 | |
| | <hr/> | 274.97 |
| Salary of Agent and Clerk | \$220.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 220.00 |
| Total Payments | | <hr/> \$3,874.06 |

NET COST

| | | |
|--|----------|----------------|
| Total Expenses | | \$3,874.06 |
| Less Receipts from Licenses | \$209.00 | |
| Less Refunds | 219.14 | |
| Less Reimbursements from Other Cities and Towns | 291.03 | |
| Less Reimbursements from State | 406.56 | |
| Less Overlay from Tuberculosis, Contagious Diseases and Other Expenses | 1,699.47 | |
| Less Overlay from Meat and Milk Inspection | 37.70 | |
| Less Overlay from Board of Health Salaries | 25.03 | |
| Less Overlay from Special Approp- riation—Parochial Schools | 152.88 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,040.81 |
| Net Cost | | <hr/> \$833.25 |

| | |
|---|------------|
| Overlay from Tuberculosis, Con- tagious Diseases and Gen- eral Expenses | \$1,699.47 |
| Overlay from Meat and Milk Inspection | 37.70 |
| Overlay from Salary of Board | 25.03 |

| | |
|--|--------|
| Overlay from Special Appropriation—Parochial Schools | 152.88 |
|--|--------|

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|---------------|------------------|
| Total Overlay | <hr/> \$1,915.08 |
|---------------|------------------|

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. BERNAT, Chairman

ALFRED R. KELLEY

Board of Health

Report of Milk Inspector

Palmer, Mass., Dec. 31, 1947

To the Board of Health and Citizens of Palmer:

I respectfully submit the following report on the Milk Inspection work for the year 1947.

I have granted the following Permits and Licenses:

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|---|--------|---------|
| Dealer's License | 18 | @ | \$.50 | \$ 9.00 |
| Oleomargarine License | 16 | @ | .50 | 8.00 |
| Store License | 37 | @ | .50 | 18.50 |
| Producers Permits (No Fee) | 57 | | | |
| Additional Inspections | 69 | | | |

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. RONDEAU

Milk Inspector

Report of Inspector of Slaughtering

Palmer, Mass., Dec. 31, 1947

To the Board of Health and Citizens of Palmer:

I respectfully submit the following report relating to the Inspection of Slaughtering for the year 1947.

I have made the following inspections:

| | |
|----|-------------|
| 4 | Beef |
| 6 | Veal |
| 20 | Hogs |
| — | |
| 30 | Inspections |

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR A. RONDEAU

Inspector of Slaughtering

Report of Moth Department

| | | |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| Amount Appropriated | \$1,500.00 | |
| Expenditures | 1,395.78 | |
| | | |
| Balance | | \$ 104.22 |

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Scouting the town thoroughly and spraying extensively, this department is happy to report the Gypsy Moth pest is well under control. Latest scouting shows only a normal amount of egg clusters are present.

However, our Elm Trees are in terrific danger of being wiped out. This department sprayed all Elm Trees last year and intends to do the same this year. Only by continuous spraying with D.D.T. can we hope to combat the dreaded Dutch Elm disease.

The Tent Caterpillar and Fall Webworm are still quite numerous. Arsenate of Lead spraying will take care of these pests.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY J. STRZEMIENSKI

Moth Supt.

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$8,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Expenditures :

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Secretary | \$ 200.00 | |
| Labor | 4,440.10 | |
| Trucks | 324.26 | |
| Gravel, loam, etc. | 306.70 | |
| Tools and equipment | 416.52 | |
| Gas and oil | 24.94 | |
| Road material | 458.50 | |
| Painting fence | 430.25 | |
| Spraying, removing trees | 447.00 | |
| Contract labor | 733.11 | |
| Incidentals | 15.04 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 7,796.42 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$ 203.58 | |

Receipts :

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|------------|
| Sale of lots | \$ 318.00 | |
| Care of lots | 1,322.53 | |
| Grading lots | 342.05 | |
| Opening graves | 830.06 | |
| Foundations | 123.01 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$2,935.65 |

Paid to Robert L. McDonald, Town Treasurer:

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Earnings | \$2,935.65 |
|----------|------------|

345 Perpetual Care Funds

\$2775.00 added during 1947 making a total of \$51,128.69

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS J. BRAINERD

ROBERT E. FAULKNER

GEORGE S. GAY

Cemetery Commissioners

Report of Board of Selectmen

The Board organized with Peter F. Warakowski as Chairman and Herbert W. Bishop as Clerk.

During the year the Board made the following appointments: Hon. Ernest E. Hobson, Town Counsel; Francis J. Lynch, Bookkeeper; Henry Ruckley, Supt. of Streets; Robert L. McDonald, Clerk of Highways; Stanley J. Strzeminski, Moth Supt., Walter Connor, Burial Agent; Charles O. Murphy, Auctioneer, Howard Banks, Janitor of lockup; Town Engineers, Victor French and George L. Rogers; Albert A. Boisse, Sealer of Weights and Measures; Joseph Marchelewicz, Inspector of Animals; Walter Connor, Director of Veterans Service Center.

During the year Judge Ernest E. Hobson resigned as Town Counsel and was replaced by James W. Duffy.

On December 7, 1947 a Memorial Plaque was unveiled at the Common in Three Rivers in commemoration of Frank A. Hryniewicz, the first Palmer boy to make the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

The Board successfully negotiated with the County Commissioners and the State Dept. of Public Works for the construction of a new bridge on Main Street, Three Rivers. It is expected that work on this project will start in May or June of this year.

Under the project of resurfacing of roads a total of 5.7 miles of road were oiled and a total of 22,705 gallons of oil was used.

On new work specified by special articles a total of 11,361 gallons of oil was used.

Under a special article on sidewalks a total of 2000 feet of walk was built on High St. Thorndike.

There were 27 new sewer connections completed during the year.

Chapter 90 construction projects on High Street, Thorndike, and No. Main St., (Bondsville Road) Palmer were completed during the year.

All other work was completed as specified under special articles.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER F. WARAKOMSKI

HERBERT W. BISHOP

JAMES H. FITZGERALD

Board of Selectmen

Report of Town Bookkeeper

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report of Receipts and Expenditures for the Town of Palmer for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1947.

RECEIPTS

Taxes for Current Year

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Poll | \$ 4,004.00 |
| Personal | 45,964.80 |
| Real Estate | 230,099.57 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 19,914.38 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$299,982.75 |

Taxes for Previous Years

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Poll | 16.00 |
| Personal | 3,698.75 |
| Real Estate | 14,892.28 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | 1,430.11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 20,037.14 |

Taxes from State

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Income | 45,023.64 |
| Corporation | 69,318.85 |
| Meal Tax, Old Age Assistance | 2,412.55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$116,755.04 |

Tax Title Redemptions

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| Tax Title No. 101 | 164.35 | |
| Tax Title No. 90 | 391.89 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 556.24 |
| Sale of Real Estate | 2,630.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 2,630.00 |

Sale of Tax Possessions

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Sale Price, Tax Title No. 26 | 50.00 | |
| Sale Price, Tax Title No. 14 | 150.00 | |
| Sale Price, Tax Title No. 24 | 100.00 | |
| Sale Price, Tax Title No. 15 | 50.00 | |
| Sale Price, Tax Title No. 88 | 150.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 500.00 |
| Sale of Land of Low Value | 20.32 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 20.32 |

Fines and Forfeits

| | | |
|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Court Fines | 470.30 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 470.30 |

Withholding Tax

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Withheld during 1947 | 25,892.05 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$25,892.05 |

Blue Cross and Blue Shield

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Withheld during 1947 | 978.40 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 978.40 |

County Retirement

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Withheld during 1947 | 2,046.71 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,046.71 |

Licenses and Permits

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Bicycle Registrations | 16.00 | |
| Garage and Agents | 30.00 | |
| Sunday | 50.00 | |
| Pool and Bowling | 60.00 | |
| Auctioneers | 8.00 | |
| Pedlers | 30.00 | |
| Firearms | 4.70 | |
| Dog | 1,718.60 | |
| Inn Holders | 1,530.00 | |
| Junk Licenses and Privileges | 582.00 | |
| Common Victualers | 2,211.00 | |
| Club | 1,500.00 | |
| Package | 900.00 | |
| Drug | 450.00 | |
| Seasonal | 1,300.00 | |
| One Day | 17.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$10,407.30 |

Grants and Gifts

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| From County — Dog Licenses | 1,429.66 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 1,429.66 |

From Federal Government for: —

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Old Age Assistance | 39,144.55 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 2,902.03 |
| Plan Preparation — | |
| High School Addition | 4,600.00 |

Plan Preparation — Grand Stand 1,050.00

\$47,696.58

From State for: —

Vocational Schools 2,745.68

State Wards 4,880.07

English Speaking Classes 425.00

Highways 13,297.00

\$21,347.75

General Government

Selectmen 90.00

Rent of Town House 95.00

Property Damage Settlement 451.00

Sale of Scrap Paper 2.45

\$638.45

Protection of Persons and Property

Sealing Fees 215.23

\$ 215.23

Reimbursement from County

Wildcat Bounty 10.00

\$ 10.00

Health Department

License:

Alcohol 8.00

Slaughtering and Poultry Dressing 2.00

Ice Cream 75.00

| | | |
|----------------|-------|-----------|
| Pasteurization | 40.00 | |
| Milk and Oleo. | 35.50 | |
| Undertakers | 7.00 | |
| Bottling | 40.00 | |
| Camp Licenses | 1.50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 209.00 |

Highway Department

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Sewer Connections | 935.00 | |
| Compressor Rental | 247.62 | |
| Loading Gravel | 33.00 | |
| Sale of Scrap Iron | 29.91 | |
| Sale of Pipe and Grates | 62.52 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 1,308.05 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Chapter 90, Maintenance County | 999.97 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 999.97 |

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Chapter 90, Joint Construction | | |
| State | 14,202.34 | |
| County | 5,750.93 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$19,953.27 |

Public Welfare

| | | |
|---------------|--------|-----------|
| Infirmary: | | |
| Board | 802.50 | |
| Sale of Stock | 55.00 | |
| Lease of Hand | 50.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 907.50 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| Reimbursement for Aid Rendered: | | |
| State | 369.51 | |
| Cities and Towns | 2,277.11 | |

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| Individuals | 57.00 |
|-------------|-------|

\$ 2,703.62

Aid to Dependent Children

Reimbursement for Aid Rendered:

| | |
|-------|----------|
| State | 2,950.31 |
|-------|----------|

\$ 2,950.31

Old Age Assistance

Reimbursement for Aid Rendered:

| | |
|-------|-----------|
| State | 33,124.72 |
|-------|-----------|

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Cities and Towns | 2,002.12 |
|------------------|----------|

\$35,126.84

Board of Health

Reimbursement:

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Cities and Towns | 291.03 |
|------------------|--------|

| | |
|-------|--------|
| State | 406.56 |
|-------|--------|

\$ 697.59

Veterans Benefits

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| State Aid | 240.00 |
|-----------|--------|

| | |
|--------------|--------|
| Military Aid | 640.00 |
|--------------|--------|

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| World War II Allowance | 446.50 |
|------------------------|--------|

\$ 1,326.50

Park Department

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Rental of Legion Field | 302.50 |
|------------------------|--------|

| | | |
|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Concessions | 100.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 402.50 |

Education

Tuition:

| | | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| Town of Wilbraham | 450.00 | |
| Individuals | 75.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 525.00 |

Sundry Receipts:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Rent | 481.11 | |
| Sale of Mdse. | 47.98 | |
| Transportation of State Wards | 24.96 | |
| Toll Calls | .40 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 554.45 |

Refunds

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|
| Insurance | 26.63 | |
| Loss of Taxes | 165.57 | |
| Trade School Tuitions | 5.80 | |
| General Departments | 452.30 | |
| Tax Title Foreclosure | 5.25 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 655.55 |

Interest

| | | |
|----------|--------|-----------|
| On Taxes | 531.16 | |
| Demands | 2.10 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 533.26 |

On Public Trust Funds:

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Cem. Perp. Care Funds | 952.03 |
|-----------------------|--------|

| | | |
|---------------|-------|-----------|
| Thompson Fund | 19.02 | |
| Merrick Fund | 17.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 988.05 |

Agency and Trust

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds | 2,775.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,775.00 |

Cemeteries

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-------------|
| Sale of Lots | 318.00 | |
| Care of Lots | 1,322.53 | |
| Grading Lots | 342.05 | |
| Opening Graves | 830.06 | |
| Foundations | 123.01 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,935.65 |

| | | |
|----------------|--|--------------|
| Total Receipts | | \$627,166.03 |
|----------------|--|--------------|

| | | |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1947 | | \$379,355.97 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,006,522.00 |

PAYMENTS

General Government

Selectmen's Department

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Salaries of Board | \$1,600.00 |
| Printing and advt. | 91.03 |
| Travel, auto hire, etc. | 125.39 |
| Telephone | 139.57 |
| Office supplies | 20.40 |

| | | |
|------------------|--------|-------------|
| Postage | 3.00 | |
| Warrant expenses | 279.50 | |
| Incidentals | 82.47 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 2,341.46 |

Selectmen's Contingent Account

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Spotlight | \$ 34.53 | |
| Outside fires | 652.00 | |
| Finance Committee | 62.05 | |
| V. F. W. quarters | 466.40 | |
| Grading and Use of Dump | 295.00 | |
| Auctioneer's services | 200.40 | |
| Tree Dept. expenses | 324.40 | |
| Street layouts | 330.00 | |
| Incidentals | 330.52 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 2,695.30 |

Town Offices

| | | |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| Rent | \$2,155.00 | |
| Janitor | 360.00 | |
| Lights and fixtures | 175.95 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 2,690.95 |

Accounting and Auditing

| | | |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| Accounting | \$2,100.00 | |
| Auditing | 90.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 2,190.00 |

Treasurer's Department

| | | |
|---------------|------------|--|
| Salary | \$2,600.00 | |
| Clerical hire | 325.00 | |

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Surety bond | 203.50 | |
| Stationery and postage | 285.96 | |
| Printing and advertising | 33.49 | |
| Supplies and equipment | 149.54 | |
| Travel expense | 55.90 | |
| Telephone | 26.83 | |
| Tax Title Foreclosure | 39.00 | |
| Incidentals | 85.40 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 3,804.62 |

Town Clerk's Department

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salary | \$ 615.00 | |
| Surety bond | 5.00 | |
| Office supplies | 25.16 | |
| Stationery and postage | 20.31 | |
| Printing and advertising | 54.83 | |
| Binding old records | 50.00 | |
| Telephone | 44.82 | |
| Incidentals | 14.70 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 829.82 |

Election and Registration

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Registrars | \$ 200.00 | |
| Election officers | 421.80 | |
| Clerical | 82.50 | |
| Printing and advertising | 143.93 | |
| Listing names and Street Lists | 644.80 | |
| Election Expenses | 97.99 | |
| Lighting Fixtures | 60.00 | |
| Incidentals | 145.50 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 1,796.52 |

Collector's Department

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Salary for 1947 | \$2,070.00 | |
| Salary, previous years | 380.00 | |
| Clerk | 1,456.00 | |
| Stationery and postage | 208.65 | |
| Printing and advertising | 154.25 | |
| Surety bond | 307.50 | |
| Telephone | 26.68 | |
| Lighting fixtures | 62.80 | |
| Supplies | 51.75 | |
| Clerical | 90.10 | |
| Travel | 37.84 | |
| Incidentals | 37.75 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 4,883.32 |

Law and Claim

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Town counsel | \$ 600.00 | |
| Settlement of claims | 935.00 | |
| Agent | 260.00 | |
| Land Court fee | 65.25 | |
| Incidentals | 1.10 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 1,861.35 |

Assessor's Department

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Salaries | \$2,400.00 | |
| Clerk | 1,820.00 | |
| Book binding | 105.00 | |
| Printing and Advertising | 226.75 | |
| Travel expenses, etc. | 365.37 | |
| Telephone | 37.72 | |
| Office supplies and equipment | 91.66 | |
| Transfers and maps | 141.00 | |
| Incidentals | 32.50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 5,220.00 |

License Commissioners

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|
| Telephone | \$ 19.29 | |
| Travel expense | 96.63 | |
| Clerical services | 21.00 | |
| Stationery and postage | 5.33 | |
| Printing and Advertising | 32.75 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 175.00 |

Town House

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|-------|
| Janitor | \$ 15.00 | |
| Fuel and lights | 56.35 | |
| Repairs and supplies | 20.89 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 92.24 |

Town Dump

| | | |
|------|-----------|--------|
| Care | \$ 780.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 780.00 |

Planning Board

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|-------|
| Expenses | \$ 72.30 | |
| Annual membership dues | 10.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 82.30 |

Estimated Receipts

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| 1/2 of bottling permits to State | \$ 20.00 | |
| Wildcat Bounty | 10.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 30.00 |

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT | <hr/> | \$29,472.78 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------|

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Chief | \$3,600.00 |
| Deputy Chief | 2,940.00 |
| Day Patrol | 2,940.00 |
| Extra patrol | 2,400.00 |
| Night patrol | 4,380.00 |
| Special police | 4,402.40 |
| Chief's transportation | 700.00 |
| Extra car hire | 153.00 |
| Bicycle registration | 12.00 |
| Telephone and lights | 165.17 |
| Equipment and repairs | 55.17 |
| Incidentals | 25.42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 21,773.16 |

Chief's Office

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Rent | \$ 240.00 |
| Telephone | 84.83 |
| Supplies | 81.04 |
| Incidentals | 3.82 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 409.69 |

Lockup

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Rent | \$1,250.00 |
| Care | 240.00 |
| Telephone and lights | 86.72 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,576.72 |

Tree Department

| | |
|-------|------------|
| Labor | \$1,267.00 |
|-------|------------|

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------------|
| Trucks | 203.00 | |
| Repairs to equipment | 29.50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 1,499.50 |

Forest Fires

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Salary of Warden | \$ 499.92 | |
| Fighting fires | 6,221.75 | |
| Telephone | 22.64 | |
| Transportation | 61.06 | |
| Equipment and repairs | 3,346.09 | |
| Gas and oil | 171.01 | |
| Medical | 28.00 | |
| Lunches for firemen | 77.85 | |
| Incidentals | 12.50 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 10,440.82 |

Sealer of Weights and Measures

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salary | \$ 690.00 | |
| Equipment and supplies | 21.84 | |
| Telephone | 25.15 | |
| Transportation | 99.96 | |
| Incidentals | 5.72 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 842.67 |

Moth Suppression

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Labor | \$ 963.40 | |
| Insecticides | 57.99 | |
| Equipment | 16.39 | |
| Spraying trees | 350.00 | |
| Transportation, etc. | 8.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 1,395.78 |

TOTAL FOR PROTECTION

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY | \$ 37,938.34 |
|-------------------------|--------------|

Health Department

General administration

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salary of Board | \$ 274.97 | |
| Salary of clerk | 220.00 | |
| Stationery, postage and supplies | 113.66 | |
| Printing | 58.75 | |
| Telephone | 55.39 | |
| Incidentals | 38.68 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 761.45 |

Quarantine and Contagious Diseases

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Medical and hospital care | \$ 375.00 | |
| Groceries and provisions | 58.20 | |
| Cities and towns | 716.59 | |
| Expenses | 172.15 | |
| Light and fuel | 5.25 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 1,327.19 |

Tuberculosis

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Westfield State Sanitarium | \$ 274.50 | |
| Rutland State Sanitarium | 151.50 | |
| Hampden County Tuberculosis Hospital | 437.39 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 863.39 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Medical: Parochial Schools | \$ 147.12 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 147.12 |

Meat and Milk Inspection

| | | |
|------|-----------|-----------|
| Meat | \$ 211.15 | |
| Milk | 401.15 | |
| | | |
| | | \$ 612.30 |

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| District Nurse | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Vital Statistics | | |
| Births, deaths, marriages | \$ 600.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 600.00 |
| TOTAL FOR HEALTH | | <hr/> \$ 5,311.45 |

Support of Poor

General Administration

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Salary of Board | \$ 600.00 | |
| Salary of Secretary | 330.00 | |
| Salary of Clerk | 226.00 | |
| Salary of Town Physician | 500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 1,656.00 |

Town Infirmary:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Salary of Warden | \$ 1,382.10 |
| Groceries and provisions | 3,248.78 |
| Light and fuel | 631.40 |
| Telephone | 44.56 |
| Repairs to building | 75.24 |
| Clothing | 96.46 |
| Furniture | 21.50 |
| Medical | 269.77 |
| Mowing | 66.50 |
| Seed and grain | 321.23 |
| Supplies | 80.46 |
| General repairs and equipment | 866.78 |
| Hydrant | 128.85 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Incidentals | 162.38 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 7,396.01 |
| Outside Poor | | |
| Administration expenses | \$ 201.41 | |
| Groceries and provisions | 1,682.13 | |
| Board and rent | 1,540.59 | |
| Cash | 60.00 | |
| Fuel | 62.93 | |
| Medical | 1,099.24 | |
| Clothing | 214.67 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 4,860.97 |
| Aid for State | \$ 2,858.92 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 2,858.92 |
| Aid for Other Cities and Towns | \$ 108.95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 108.95 |
| Aid by Other Cities and Towns | \$ 650.60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 650.60 |
| TOTAL FOR SUPPORT OF POOR | | \$ 17,531.45 |
| Aid to Dependent Children | | |
| Cash from Federal Grant for Aid | \$2,102.75 | |
| Cash from Town Appropriation | 6,655.19 | |
| Administrative Expenses, | | |
| Town appropriation | 110.00 | |
| Federal Grant for Adm. | 316.14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 9,184.08 |
| TOTAL FOR A.D.C. | | \$ 9,184.08 |

Old Age Assistance

| | |
|------------|--------------|
| Town Cases | \$ 60,675.25 |
| For Others | 7,584.91 |
| For State | 16,658.02 |
| By Others | 1,049.76 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 85,967.94 |

Administrative Expense

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries | \$ 3,418.00 |
| Transportation and Travel | 159.50 |
| Postage and Telegrams | 59.03 |
| Supplies | 83.56 |
| Telephone | 48.94 |
| Incidentals | 39.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 3,808.53 |

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|------------------|-------|--------------|
| TOTAL FOR O.A.A. | <hr/> | \$ 89,776.47 |
|------------------|-------|--------------|

Highway Department

General Repairs:

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Superintendent | \$ 1,450.00 |
| Clerk | 360.00 |
| Office expenses | 31.32 |
| Labor | 14,689.89 |
| Stone, gravel, etc. | 191.28 |
| Repairs and equipment | 5,644.01 |
| Gas and oil | 789.25 |
| Road oil | 1,247.76 |
| Telephone and lights | 182.47 |
| Coal | 328.27 |
| Brush cutting | 327.50 |
| Road signs, flashers, etc. | 201.70 |

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Rental of Sweeper Truck | 109.50 |
| Repairs to Beacon | 117.19 |
| Planking | 419.48 |
| Incidentals | 14.35 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 26,103.97 |

Sidewalks and Curbing

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Superintendent | \$ 135.00 |
| Labor | 973.31 |
| Materials | 150.77 |
| Road Oil and Patch | 286.60 |
| Gas and Oil | 126.51 |
| Equipment | 57.23 |
| Incidentals | 5.95 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,735.37 |

Snow and Ice Removal

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Superintendent | \$ 253.75 |
| Labor | 4,851.94 |
| Tools and Equipment | 170.52 |
| Gas and Oil | 341.17 |
| Repairs | 185.27 |
| Sand | 1,303.70 |
| Salt | 646.72 |
| Incidentals | 108.25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 7,861.32 |

Sewers and Culverts

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Superintendent | \$ 456.25 |
| Labor | 3,515.13 |
| Tools and Equipment | 410.99 |
| Pipe and Fittings | 685.68 |

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------------|
| Gas and Oil | 27.79 | |
| Sand and Cement | 58.71 | |
| Incidentals | 52.22 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 5,206.77 |

Chap. 90 Const., High St., Thorndike

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Per Contract | \$ 26,604.37 | |
| Road Oil | 59.70 | |
| Equipment and Material | 875.31 | |
| Incidentals | 53.20 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 27,592.58 |

Article 53

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Faulkner Hdwe. Co. (1946 bill) | \$ 153.02 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 153.02 |

Article 54

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Construction Equipment Co. (1946 bill) | \$ 835.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 835.00 |

Chap. 90 Const., No. Main St.

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Superintendent | \$ 247.50 | |
| Labor | 1,817.03 | |
| Road Oil | 493.88 | |
| Culverts | 455.38 | |
| Trap rock | 811.13 | |
| Cement and Lumber | 103.72 | |
| Incidentals | 63.95 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 3,992.59 |

Chap. 90 Const., No. Main St. Drainage

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Superintendent | \$ 36.25 |
| Labor | 244.15 |
| Pipe | 199.92 |
| Gas and Oil | 102.75 |
| Tools and Material | 531.62 |
| Road Oil | 55.26 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,169.95 |

Chapter 90 Maintenance

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Superintendent | \$ 186.25 |
| Labor | 1,637.49 |
| Asphalt | 853.91 |
| Concrete and Sand | 246.19 |
| Gas and Oil | 19.61 |
| Supplies | 51.21 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,994.66 |

Street Lighting

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Per Contract | \$ 11,731.44 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 11,731.44 |

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|
| TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS | <hr/> | \$102,342.24 |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|

Four Corners—Bondsville Rd.

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Superintendent | \$ 57.50 |
| Labor | 577.41 |
| Sand and Gravel | 70.86 |
| Road Oil | 1,222.82 |
| Gas and Oil | 105.37 |
| Bulldozer Hire | 30.00 |

Incidentals

7.25

\$ 2,071.21

Water St. "A"

Superintendent

\$ 7.50

Labor

58.15

Road Oil

225.40

Sand, gravel, gas

2.82

\$ 293.87

River Road "D"

Superintendent

\$ 25.00

Labor

314.25

Sand

47.43

Road Oil

224.37

Culverts

78.79

\$ 689.84

Memorial Plots

Superintendent

\$ 5.00

Labor

642.70

Supplies and Repairs

20.06

\$ 667.76

Sewer—Griffin St. "D"

Superintendent

\$ 5.00

Labor

58.00

Tools and Equipment

37.84

Rent of shovel

49.00

\$ 149.84

Sewer—Salem St. "A"

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|--------|
| Superintendent | \$ 15.00 | |
| Labor | 101.80 | |
| Tools and Equipment | 67.94 | |
| Cement, sand, culverts | 18.04 | |
| Excavation | 75.00 | |
| Gas and Oil | 4.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 281.78 |

Sewer—North St. "C" (incomplete)

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| Superintendent | \$ 2.50 | |
| Labor | 23.05 | |
| Tools and Equipment | 443.83 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 469.38 |

Oiling Roads

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Superintendent | \$ 173.75 | |
| Labor | 1,975.93 | |
| Gas and Oil | 70.54 | |
| Grits | 469.22 | |
| Road Oil | 3,088.41 | |
| Supplies and Equipment | 204.76 | |
| Lumber | 17.37 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 5,999.98 |

Walk—Main St. "D"

| | | |
|----------------|----------|--------|
| Superintendent | \$ 21.25 | |
| Labor | 254.85 | |
| Materials | 72.46 | |
| Gas and Oil | 1.23 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$ | 349.79 |

Walk—High St. "C"

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Superintendent | \$ 42.50 |
| Labor | 926.45 |
| Contract Labor | 87.00 |
| Road Oil, Gravel | 808.05 |
| Lumber | 92.51 |
| Gas and Oil | 30.71 |
| Mason's Supplies | 4.90 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,992.12 |

Education

General Administration:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Superintendent | \$5,500.09 |
| Clerks | 3,600.06 |
| Truant Officer | 190.00 |
| Telephone | 503.66 |
| Telephone | 355.92 |
| Health | 32.30 |
| Teachers travel and expense | 711.35 |
| Printing, Postage and Stationery | 513.26 |
| Incidentals | 127.10 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 11,533.74 |

Teachers Salaries:

| | |
|------------|---------------|
| High | \$51,627.83 |
| Elementary | 65,771.13 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 117,398.96 |

Textbook and Supplies:

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| High | \$5,963.87 |
| Elementary | 3,746.86 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 9,710.73 |

Transportation :

| | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| High | \$6,206.29 | |
| Elementary | 6,724.45 | |
| Parochial | 918.45 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 13,849.19 |

Janitor Services :

| | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| High | \$6,266.04 | |
| Elementary | 9,965.05 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 16,231.09 |

Fuel and Light :

| | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| High | \$6,563.59 | |
| Elementary | 8,524.26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 15,087.85 |

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds :

| | | |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| High | \$1,894.76 | |
| Elementary | 1,220.07 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 3,114.83 |

Furniture and Furnishings :

| | | |
|------------|----------|-----------|
| High | \$358.53 | |
| Elementary | 67.15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 425.68 |

Other Expenses :

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Water Rent | \$198.80 |
| Nurse and Physician | 2,419.96 |
| Diplomas and Graduation expenses | 213.34 |
| Insurance | 2,465.09 |

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Police, extra Janitors | 358.62 | |
| Incidentals | 144.76 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 5,800.57 |

Adult Alien:

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Salaries | \$884.80 | |
| Janitor | 116.00 | |
| Travel expense | 73.63 | |
| Supplies and Textbooks | 424.77 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 1,499.20 |

Trade School:

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Tuition | \$948.17 | |
| Textbooks and Supplies | 1,550.25 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 2,498.42 |

Repairs:

| | | |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| High | \$2,240.38 | |
| Elementary | 977.68 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 3,218.06 |

Repairs—Quaboag School:

| | | |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Per contract | \$1,000.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 1,000.00 |

Boiler Repairs—Park St. School:

| | | |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Per contract | \$1,170.00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 1,170.00 |

Elimination of Fire Hazards:

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Per contract | \$3,550.57 |
|--------------|------------|

| | |
|--|-------------|
| | \$ 3,550.57 |
|--|-------------|

Total for Education

\$206,088.89

Young Men's Library Association

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Per agreement | \$4,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

| | |
|--|-------------|
| | \$ 4,000.00 |
|--|-------------|

Park Deptment

Legion Field, Eager Playground and
Burleigh Park:

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,763.80 |
| Trucks | 229.50 |
| Lights | 17.90 |
| Sanding and Painting Bleachers | 123.00 |
| Excavating and grading | 265.00 |
| Purchase of Overnight Cabins | 150.00 |
| Spraying and removing trees | 205.00 |
| Tool house and Rest Room | 267.94 |
| Equipment and repairs | 273.90 |
| Athletic Supplies | 163.82 |
| Gas and Oil | 13.43 |
| Upkeep of grounds and Equipment | 900.30 |
| Incidentals | 56.25 |

| | |
|--|-------------|
| | \$ 5,429.84 |
|--|-------------|

Veterans Service Center:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Salaries | \$1,760.00 |
| Janitor | 222.00 |
| Telephone | 154.21 |
| Equipment and Supplies | 90.70 |

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Postage | 18.86 |
| Travel | 8.88 |
| Subscriptions | 10.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,265.15 |

Veterans Benefits:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Agent | \$1,560.00 |
| Cash | 12,177.82 |
| Postage and Supplies | 32.56 |
| Travel | 87.89 |
| Printing | 19.86 |
| Light and Fuel | 343.65 |
| Groceries and Provisions | 1,107.70 |
| Board and Rent | 555.00 |
| Medical | 1,706.93 |
| Clothing | 12.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 17,603.41 |

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Total for Veterans Benefits | <hr/> \$ 19,868.56 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|

Cemetery Department

Care and Maintenance:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Secretary | \$200.00 |
| Labor | 4,440.10 |
| Trucks | 324.26 |
| Gravel and loam, seed, etc. | 306.70 |
| Tools and Equipment | 416.52 |
| Gas and Oil | 24.94 |
| Road Materials | 458.50 |
| Painting fence | 430.25 |
| Spraying, removing and trimming trees | 447.00 |
| Contract labor | 733.11 |

| | | |
|-------------|-------|--|
| Incidentals | 15.04 | |
|-------------|-------|--|

| | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| | | \$ 7,796.42 |
|--|--|-------------|

Neglected Graves:

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| Care and Maintenance | \$300.00 | |
|----------------------|----------|--|

| | | |
|--|--|-----------|
| | | \$ 300.00 |
|--|--|-----------|

Total for Cemeteries

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| | | \$8,096.42 |
|--|--|------------|

Refunds:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|--|
| On Poll and Real Estate Taxes | \$2,110.00 | |
|-------------------------------|------------|--|

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--|
| On M. V. Excise Taxes | 232.34 | |
|-----------------------|--------|--|

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| On Revoked Alcoholic Licenses | 260.00 | |
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| | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| | | \$ 2,602.34 |
|--|--|-------------|

Municipal Indebtedness:

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|--|
| Municipal Relief Loan | \$3,000.00 | |
|-----------------------|------------|--|

| | | |
|--|--|-------------|
| | | \$ 3,000.00 |
|--|--|-------------|

Interest

On Maturing Debt:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------|--|
| Municipal Relief Loan | \$37.50 | |
|-----------------------|---------|--|

| | | |
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| | | \$ 37.50 |
|--|--|----------|

On Trust Funds:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds | \$952.03 | |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|

| | | |
|--|--|-----------|
| | | \$ 952.03 |
|--|--|-----------|

Total for Interest

| | | |
|--|--|----------|
| | | \$989.53 |
|--|--|----------|

Agency and Trust

Withholding Tax:

| | |
|------------|--------------|
| Deductions | \$25,442.25 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 25,442.25 |

Blue Cross and Blue Shield:

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| Deductions | \$940.40 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 940.40 |

County Retirement:

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| Deductions | \$1,624.55 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 1,624.55 |

Agency:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| State Tax | \$6,800.00 |
| County Tax | 12,537.69 |
| Dog Licenses for County | 1,724.00 |
| State Parks and Reservations | 407.59 |
| State Audit | 547.99 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 22,017.27 |

Trust:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Cemetery perpetual care funds | \$2,775.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 2,775.00 |

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Total for Agency and Trust | \$52,799.47 |
|----------------------------|-------------|

Unclassified:

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Animal Inspection | \$300.00 |
| General Insurance | 2,478.00 |

| | | |
|---|----------|----------------|
| Workmen's Comp. Insurance | 1,550.31 | |
| Memorial Day | 390.13 | |
| Memorial Hall Repairs | 255.17 | |
| Printing Town Reports | 898.80 | |
| Wing Memorial Hospital | 353.15 | |
| Base Map and Zoning by-law | 1,800.00 | |
| Memorial Marker | 199.57 | |
| Purchase of Town Dump | 110.00 | |
| Development of Town Dump | 389.75 | |
| Town Engineers | 50.00 | |
| Plan Preparation—Grandstand | 900.00 | |
| Plan Preparation— High School Addition | 3,915.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 13,589.88 |
| Grand Total | | 608,021.74 |
| Cash on Hand December 31, 1947 | | 398,500.26 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,006,522.00 |

Non-Revenue Accounts

Trust Funds:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash and Securities | \$52,269.28 | |
| Thompson Fund | \$ | 951.28 |
| Merrick Fund | | 850.00 |
| Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds | | 50,468.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$52,269.28 | \$52,269.28 |

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1947

| Account | Appropriations, Grants, Refunds and Transfers | Amounts Expended | Balance |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------|
| Selectmen's Salary Acct. | \$1,600.00 | \$1,600.00 | |
| " General Expenses | 750.00 | 741.36 | \$ 8.64 |
| " Contingent | 4,000.00 | 2,695.30 | 1,304.70 |
| Auditing for 1947 | 180.00 | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| Accounting | 2,100.00 | 2,100.00 | |
| Assessor's Salary | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | |
| " Clerk | 1,820.00 | 1,820.00 | |
| " General Expenses | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| Town Clerk's Salary | 615.00 | 615.00 | |
| " " Gen. Expenses | 165.00 | 164.82 | .18 |
| " " Bind. Records | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Collector's Salary— | | | |
| Previous years | 570.00 | 380.00 | 190.00 |
| 1947 | 2,300.00 | 2,070.00 | 230.00 |
| Collector's Clerk | 1,456.00 | 1,456.00 | |
| " Bond and other expenses | 895.00 | 887.22 | 7.78 |
| " Clerical hire | 175.00 | 90.10 | 84.90 |
| Treasurer's Salary | 2,600.00 | 2,600.00 | |
| " Clerical hire | 400.00 | 325.00 | 75.00 |
| " Bond and other expenses | 855.00 | 848.12 | 6.88 |
| Tax Title Foreclosures | 80.25 | 31.50 | 48.75 |
| Election and Registration | 2,200.00 | 1,796.52 | 403.48 |
| Law and Claim | 1,950.00 | 1,861.35 | 88.65 |
| License Commissioners | 175.00 | 175.00 | |
| Town Offices | 2,860.00 | 2,690.95 | 169.05 |
| Town House | 175.00 | 92.24 | 82.76 |
| Town Dump | 884.00 | 780.00 | 104.00 |
| Chief of Police, Salary | 3,600.00 | 3,600.00 | |
| Deputy of Police, Salary | 2,940.00 | 2,940.00 | |

| Account | Appropriations, Grants, Refunds and Transfers | Amounts Expended | Balance |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|----------|
| Day Patrol, Salary | 2,940.00 | 2,940.00 | |
| Extra Patrol, Salary | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | |
| Night Patrol, Salary | 4,380.00 | 4,380.00 | |
| Special Police, Salary | 5,700.00 | 4,402.40 | 1,297.60 |
| Chief's Office | 375.00 | 272.68 | 102.32 |
| Lockup | 1,680.00 | 1,578.64 | 101.36 |
| Chief's transportation | 700.00 | 700.00 | |
| Extra car hire | 300.00 | 153.00 | 147.00 |
| Bicycle registrations | 25.00 | 12.00 | 13.00 |
| Police other expenses | 400.00 | 380.85 | 19.15 |
| Forest Warden's Dept. | 13,000.00 | 10,440.82 | 2,559.18 |
| Moth Suppression | 1,500.00 | 1,395.78 | 104.22 |
| Tree Department | 1,500.00 | 1,499.50 | .50 |
| Sealer's Salary | 690.00 | 690.00 | |
| Sealer's General expenses | 160.00 | 152.67 | 7.33 |
| Salaries, Board of Health | 300.00 | 274.97 | 25.03 |
| Salary of Clerk | 220.00 | 220.00 | |
| Tuberculosis and | | | |
| Contagious Diseases | 3,719.14 | 2,019.67 | 1,699.47 |
| Meat and Milk inspection | 650.00 | 612.30 | 37.70 |
| Vital Statistics | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| District Nurse | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| Highways | 26,152.33 | 26,103.97 | 48.36 |
| Sewers and Culverts | 5,210.00 | 5,206.77 | 3.23 |
| Sidewalks and curbing | 2,000.00 | 1,735.37 | 264.63 |
| Oiling Roads | 6,000.00 | 5,999.98 | .02 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | 3,000.00 | 2,994.66 | 5.34 |
| Chapter 90 Construction | 34,000.00 | 27,592.58 | 6,407.42 |
| (High Street, "B") | | | |
| Chapter 90 Construction | 4,000.00 | 3,992.59 | 7.41 |
| (No. Main Street, "A") | | | |
| Chapter 90 Construction | 1,600.00 | 1,169.95 | 430.05 |
| (No. Main Street, "A") | | | |

| Account | Appropriations, Grants, Refunds and Transfers | Amounts Expended | Balance |
|---|--|---------------------|------------|
| Chap. 90 Construction (Three Rivers Bridge) | 130,000.00 | | 130,000.00 |
| Snow removal (1946 O.D.) | 861.18 | 861.18 | |
| Snow removal (1947) (* \$1,736.32 O.D.) | 6,125.00 | 7,861.32 | *1,736.32 |
| Street Repairs— | | | |
| Bondsville Road | 2,100.00 | 2,071.21 | 28.79 |
| Water St., "A" | 310.00 | 293.87 | 16.13 |
| River Road, "D" | 690.00 | 689.84 | .16 |
| Sewer, Griffin St., "D" | 150.00 | 149.84 | .16 |
| Sewer, Salem St., "A" | 300.00 | 281.78 | 18.22 |
| Sewer, North St., "C" | 1,525.00 | 469.38 | 1,055.62 |
| Sidewalk, High St., "B" | 2,000.00 | 1,992.12 | 7.88 |
| Sidewalk, Main St., "D" | 350.00 | 349.79 | .21 |
| 1946 bill (R. E. Faulkner) | 153.02 | 153.02 | |
| 1946 bill (Const. Equip. Co.) | 835.00 | 835.00 | |
| Memorial Plots | 668.00 | 667.76 | .24 |
| Street lighting | 12,201.25 | 11,731.44 | 469.81 |
| Public Welfare Dept.— | | | |
| Support of poor | 15,522.14 | 14,899.50 | 622.64 |
| Town Physician | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| Salary, Jr. Clerk | 226.00 | 226.00 | |
| Salary, Agent | 330.00 | 330.00 | |
| Salaries of Board | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| Hydrant, Town infirmary | 150.00 | 128.85 | 21.15 |
| Supplies, repairs, etc. (Infirmery) | 850.00 | 847.10 | 2.90 |
| Old Age Assistance— | | | |
| Salaries of Board | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| Assistance | 53,030.45 | 52,007.92 | 1,022.53 |
| Federal grant for administration | 1,486.81 | 1,386.43 | 100.38 |
| Federal grant for aid | 40,563.17 | 35,782.12 | 4,781.05 |

| Account | Appropriations, Grants, Refunds and Transfers | Amounts Expended | Balance |
|---|--|---------------------|----------|
| Aid to Dependent Children— | | | |
| Aid | 6,980.00 | 6,765.19 | 214.81 |
| Federal grant for administration | 399.44 | 316.14 | 83.30 |
| Federal grant for aid | 2,953.34 | 2,102.75 | 850.59 |
| Veteran's Benefits | 18,510.00 | 17,603.41 | 906.59 |
| Veteran's Service Center | 2,887.00 | 2,265.15 | 621.85 |
| Burial of soldiers and sailors | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Education— | | | |
| Support of schools | 196,941.24 | 196,370.70 | 570.54 |
| Adult alien education | 1,500.00 | 1,499.20 | .80 |
| Trade School Tuition | 2,500.00 | 2,498.42 | 1.58 |
| Elimination of Fire Hazards | 4,180.29 | 3,550.57 | 629.72 |
| Insulation, repairs, Quaboag School | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| Repairs to heating sys- tem, Park St. School | 1,170.00 | 1,170.00 | |
| Medical, parochial and private schools | 300.00 | 147.12 | 152.88 |
| Smith-Hughes Fund | 163.94 | | 163.94 |
| Young Men's Library Association | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | |
| Animal Inspection, salary | 200.00 | 200.00 | |
| Animal Insp., expenses | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Rent or lease of Public Dump | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| General Insurance | 2,478.00 | 2,478.00 | |
| Workmen's Comp. Ins. | 1,550.31 | 1,550.31 | |
| Legion Field | 6,000.00 | 5,429.84 | 570.16 |
| W. P.A. | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Purchase of Town Dump | 1,400.00 | 110.00 | 1,290.00 |

| Account | Appropriations, Grants, Refunds and Transfers | Amounts Expended | Balance |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------|
| Development of Town | | | |
| Dump | 1,290.00 | 389.75 | 900.25 |
| Memorial Day | 400.00 | 390.13 | 9.87 |
| Planning Board | 300.00 | 82.30 | 217.70 |
| Repairs, Memorial Hall | 500.00 | 255.17 | 244.83 |
| Town Engineers | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Town Reports | 898.80 | 898.80 | |
| Wing Memo. Hosp. Fund | 500.00 | 353.15 | 146.85 |
| Base map and by-law | 2,200.00 | 1,800.00 | 400.00 |
| Memorial Marker | 200.00 | 199.57 | .43 |
| Reserve Fund | 14,000.00 | 13,970.31 | 29.69 |
| Cemeteries | 8,000.00 | 7,796.42 | 203.58 |
| Care of neglected graves | 300.00 | 300.00 | |
| Tool House, Oak Knoll | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Maturing Debt | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | |
| Int. on Maturing Debt | 37.50 | 37.50 | |
| Int. on Temporary Loans | 1.00 | | 1.00 |

Trial Balance

| | DR. | CR. |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Cash | \$398,500.26 | |
| Taxes, 1946 | 111.33 | |
| Taxes, 1947 | 28,004.85 | |
| M. V. Excise Tax, 1946 | 88.79 | |
| M. V. Excise Tax, 1947 | 2,652.88 | |
| Tax Titles | 31,985.75 | |
| Tax Possessions | 1,230.93 | |
| Overlay, 1946 | | \$398.30 |
| Overlay, 1947 | | 122.57 |
| Overlay Reserve | | 19,684.42 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Forest Fires | 37.00 | |
| Board of Health | 13.29 | |
| Highway | 9.50 | |
| Public Welfare | 4,123.28 | |
| Schools | 648.80 | |
| Old Age Assistance | 876.74 | |
| Aid to Dependent Children | 1,021.81 | |
| Veterans' Benefits | 5,884.85 | |
| Sdewalk and Curbing Assessment | 97.74 | |
| State Aid to Highways— | | |
| Maintenance | 1,000.00 | |
| State Aid to Highways— | | |
| Construction | 84,497.81 | |
| County Aid to Highways— | | |
| Maintenance | 1,000.00 | |
| County Aid to Highways— | | |
| Construction | 35,748.92 | |
| Withholding Tax Deductions | | 2,786.10 |

| | DR. | CR. |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Blue Cross and Shield Deductions | | 105.15 |
| Retirement Deductions | | 422.16 |
| County Tax | | 3,060.87 |
| Hampden County Tuber. Hosp. | | |
| Assessment | | 286.47 |
| State Parks and Reservations | | 150.59 |
| Dog Licenses—Town Clerk | | 3.60 |
| Sale of land account | | 2,950.00 |
| Sale of Forest Lake School house | | 800.00 |
| Sale of land at Palmer Center | | 2,630.00 |
| Plan Preparation—High School | | |
| Addition | | 685.00 |
| Plan Preparation—Grandstand, | | |
| Legion Field | | 150.00 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue | | 2,741.67 |
| Tax Title Revenue | | 33,181.17 |
| Fire District Tax Title Revenue | | 35.51 |
| Due Treasurer, Fire Dist. No. 1 | | 25.07 |
| Due Treasurer, Fire Dist. No. 3 | | 5.40 |
| Departmental Revenue | | 12,615.27 |
| State and County Aid to High- | | |
| ways Revenue | | 122,246.73 |
| Sidewalk and curbing assessment | | 97.74 |
| Excess and Deficiency | | 243,919.73 |
| Auditing | | 90.00 |
| Collector's Salary, previous years | | 190.00 |
| Collector's Salary, 1947 | | 230.00 |
| Forest Warden's Department | | 2,559.18 |
| Chapter 90 Highway Construction | | 6,407.42 |
| Chapter 90 Bridge Construction | | 130,000.00 |
| Snow Removal | 1,736.32 | |
| Chapter 90 Const. (No. Main St.) | | 430.05 |
| North Street Sewer | | 1,055.62 |
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant | | |
| For Administration | | 100.38 |

| | DR. | CR. |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Old Age Assistance, Federal Grant For Aid | | 4,781.05 |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Federal Grant for Administration | | 83.30 |
| Aid to Dependent Children, Federal Grant for Aid | | 850.59 |
| Education: | | |
| Elimination of Fire Hazards | | 629.72 |
| Smith-Hughes Fund | | 163.94 |
| Public Dump, Rent or Lease | | 50.00 |
| Development of New Dump | | 900.25 |
| Memorial Hall Repairs | | 244.83 |
| Base Map and Zoning By-Law | | 400.00 |
| Oak Knoll Tool House | | 1,000.00 |
| Interest on Temporary Loans | | 1.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$599,270.85 | \$599,270.85 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. LYNCH

Bookkeeper

Report of

Young Men's Library Association

January 1, 1948

Circulation :

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Main Library, Palmer | 20,743 |
| Bondsville | 9,328 |
| Three Rivers | 5,347 |
| Thorndike | 6,404 |

The books owned by the Library are divided into the following classes :

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| Adult Fiction | 7,835 |
| Adult Non-Fiction | 5,005 |
| Reference | 796 |
| Juvenile Fiction | 1,766 |
| Juvenile Non-Fiction | 861 |

We purchased 626 books at a cost of \$1,083.41 and magazines, \$95.40. After necessary discard of books worn out in circulation, we have for the use of our citizens 16,263 books in the foregoing classes. Our records show that 2,967 of our citizens are using our services. We believe that the needs for information, self-education and recreation are cared for both for the adult and the young so far as our finances permit.

We have endeavored to assist the schools by the purchase of books of reference needed by the pupils in the

course of their studies and recommended by the teachers.

The gift of the library of Orrin P. Allen was received and as soon as classified will be placed on the shelves in our Library.

We received an additional gift of \$2,500.00 from Andrew B. Rathbone, one of our Trustees, to be added to the Trust Fund, known as the Andrew B. Rathbone Trust, the income only to be used for Library purposes. All funds of this nature are held and administered by the Trustees of the Library in accord with the laws of this Commonwealth for their preservation. In making this gift Mr. Rathbone expressed the hope that it would help to interest people in the Association and in reading more about what this country means to them and the fruits of individual initiative which we all enjoy. We sincerely hope that others of our citizens will establish Trust Funds of this nature which will prove of incalculable benefit to all who make their homes in our town, now and in the future, and perpetuate their own names among those who are sincerely interested in its well being and growth.

While our expenses for fuel and books and other needs have increased, we are requesting an appropriation of \$4,000.00, the same amount we received in 1947, with the hope that we may render a service that will be as satisfactory as possible under the growing expenses which our citizens personally and as a town are called upon to undergo.

CHARLES L. WAID, Librarian

YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1947

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Balance January 1, 1947 | \$99.83 | |
| Town of Palmer, Appropriation | 4,000.00 | |
| Interest on Invested Funds | 1,548.01 | |
| Fines and Miscellaneous | 273.99 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$5,921.83 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Salaries and Services | \$4,020.96 | |
| Books and Magazines | 1,202.28 | |
| Light, Heat and Telephone | 451.13 | |
| Supplies and Repairs | 72.84 | |
| Insurance Premiums and Miscellaneous | 173.68 | |
| Balance, December 31, 1947 | .94 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$5,921.83 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN F. DAVIS

Treasurer

The accounts of the Treasurer have been audited and approved by me this 19th day of January, 1948.

FREEMAN A. SMITH

Auditor

Report of Tree Warden

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Amount appropriated | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Amount spent | \$ 1,499.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$.50 |

1947 was marked by the slow advance of the Dutch Elm disease throughout Western Massachusetts particularly the Boston area. Eight trees were known to have this disease in Palmer all of which were taken down and destroyed. Twenty other trees were taken down because of dangerous conditions, new building projects or having died from various causes. This included the four villages, most of them being on back or out in the country roads. The young trees which were planted several years ago on Park and North Main Streets in Palmer, and the commons in the villages were pruned and shaped. The trees in the four villages were sprayed in cooperation with the Moth Department. A number of new trees should be planted to replace ones taken down the past few years but the department has refrained from buying them because of the excessive high cost. The severe lightning storm in July did considerable damage due to broken limbs and split trees. The bad wind storm of early Sept. also did a great amount of damage.

A Thought For The Year

It seems to me a good and deserving plan, to remember each veteran who gave his life in this last war by

planting a tree for each one on the common in the village where he lived, placing a placque on each tree in memory of that veteran. This I will endeavor to do.

WALTER H. CAMBO

Tree Warden

Report of License Commissioners

January 20, 1948

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Palmer
Palmer, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Listed below are the number and kind of Licenses issued by the Board during the year of 1947:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Common Victualers | 42 |
| All Alcoholic | |
| Innholders | 5 |
| Clubs | 5 |
| Common Victualer | 4 |
| Common Victualer (Seasonal) | 2 |
| Package Goods Store (Seasonal) | 1 |
| Package Goods Store | 1 |
| Drug Package Store | 1 |
| Clubs (Seasonal) | 1 |
| Druggist | 3 |
| Malt Beverages and Wine | |
| Common Victualer | 3 |
| Common Victualer (Seasonal) | 1 |
| Package Goods Store | 2 |
| One Day Permits | 12 |
| (Beer and Wine) | |

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH J. PAPUZENSKI, Clerk

Report of

Park Commissioners

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Palmer:

The Park Commissioners herewith present their report for the year ending December 31, 1947:

The use of the Town's parks by the townspeople has continued to increase during the past year. At Legion Field the baseball, softball and football games drew a larger attendance than ever before, as well as providing a considerably greater number of games. Several colorful events were also staged and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the field by the people of the town.

A new power mower purchased last spring has aided greatly in the maintenance of the field and has made a substantial saving in work hours, substantially reducing our costs for additional labor. The bleachers have been sanded and repainted and the field and its equipment have been maintained in excellent condition. A considerable amount of work will be necessary to resurface the football field, which suffered considerably because of the dry weather last fall and the unusually heavy football schedule.

Eager Playground has been maintained in excellent condition and has been in constant use. The children's

merry-go-round installed last spring has proved a popular addition to the playground equipment and the commissioners plan to add to the facilities at the playground, as well as maintaining the present equipment in safe and sound condition.

One of the tennis courts, resurfaced last spring with a special type of clay, proved so successful that clay for two additional courts was secured last fall and the work of resurfacing has been commenced. We expect also to secure the material for resurfacing the three other courts during the coming year. All six courts have been in use throughout the season.

The skating rink was again flooded and frozen in time for the Christmas holidays and, as in former years, has proved very popular, providing a safe skating surface which is being used by children and adults from all parts of the town. The rink has also been occasionally used for hockey games whenever it could be done upon sufficient notice to avoid inconvenience or injury to the public, particularly having in mind the safety of the children of town. The commissioners again express their thanks to Merrill L. Simonds Post, American Legion, for the use of the flood lights at the rink.

Attendance at Burleigh Park practically doubled this year, due largely to the completion of the swimming pool and the improvement of the park facilities. As many as 200 children at the pool per day was not unusual last summer and the use of the park for picnic parties, outdoor lunches and restful recreation far exceeded any previous year. After the close of the season the pool was excavated to nearly twice its former size and a quantity of beach sand has been secured in anticipation of a new and larger bathing beach next year. With the cooperation of the Town highway department, the park entrance has been

enlarged and graded up to the level of North Main Street, eliminating a dangerous traffic hazard. The entrance will be surfaced and top-dressed early in 1948. The bath houses have also been moved to a permanent location and the commissioners plan to install toilet facilities, as well as a supply of drinking water for the convenience of the increasing number of townspeople who make use of Burleigh Park.

The need for toilet facilities at Legion Field and Eager Playground has been increasingly apparent, and foundations were laid last fall for a small building which, when completed next Spring, will not only provide toilets for both sexes, but will also provide long needed storage space for the park equipment throughout the winter months.

The commissioners again express their appreciation of the able and excellent service of our general caretaker, Carmine Pusso, and thank the townspeople for their co-operation at all three of the Town's parks.

1947

Legion Field, Eager Playground and Burleigh Park

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$6,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Expenditures

Legion Field and Eager Playground:

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| Labor | \$2,072.55 |
| Truck hire | 217.50 |
| Power Mower | 700.00 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Power Mower Sulky | 56.00 |
| Lawn Sweeper | 45.00 |
| Equipment | 259.52 |
| Equipment Repairs | 109.37 |
| Paints and Brushes | 46.55 |
| Lumber | 22.00 |
| Gas and Oil | 13.76 |
| Clerical Services | 35.00 |
| Grass Seed, Lime and Fertilizer | 70.00 |
| Loam | 7.50 |
| Lights | 30.62 |
| Water Rent | 8.53 |
| Tool House & Toilet, (incomplete) | 216.79 |
| Sanding Bleachers | 123.00 |
| Taking down 6 Trees, | 165.00 |
| (storm damage) | |

\$4,198.69

Burleigh Park:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Labor | \$712.40 |
| Truck Hire | 37.50 |
| Bath Houses (2) | 150.00 |
| Excavating Swimming Pool | 160.00 |
| Excavating and Grading Park Entrance and Moving Bath Houses | 70.00 |
| Spraying | 40.00 |
| Beach Sand | 35.00 |
| Benches | 25.00 |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------|------------|
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 1.25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,231.15 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$5,429.84 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance | \$ | 570.16 |
| Legion Field Receipts | \$ | 402.50 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN F. DAVIS

JAMES J. KANE

LADISLAS LAVIOLETTE

STANLEY G. WILK

Park Commissioners

Report of Forest Fire Warden

December 31, 1947

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Town of Palmer, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Forest Warden for the year ending December 31, 1947, the report covering the worst fires threatening the Town of Palmer in its history.

Altogether we have had this past year 25 grass, brush and/or forest fires which up until the driest season recorded in the State of Massachusetts in all its history, we were able to bring under control with no serious danger to the Town.

In October your Forest Warden was appointed to serve on the Committee of the Governor on Fire Prevention and Fire Protection particularly on forest fires and fire Protection of Rural Areas. Two meetings were held by the Committee in Boston and one in Worcester. These meetings were all-day sessions and certain definite recommendations were made by the Committee to the General Meeting which was held at the time the Town of Palmer was threatened by two of the most serious forest fires in the Commonwealth. Needless to say your Warden was not able to attend the final meeting of this committee but our report was read and accepted in full.

During October we in Palmer experienced the terrifying and heartless task of trying to combat two major fires occurring in the Town at the same time and separated by a distance of approximately 10 miles. Perhaps the most difficult task of all was trying to maintain a constant supply of water to combat our first fire. Every drop of water used on the first fire was brought in by tank trucks which we were fortunate enough to obtain from two of our major oil companies and one from an independent dealer. At this first fire electric light and power transmission lines were threatened as well as a trunk line telephone cable. Had the light and power lines been destroyed five or six surrounding towns as well as Palmer would have been without light and power for perhaps two weeks until repairs could be made. This fire was a real threat to the welfare of every citizen and business in this area. Thanks to the fine cooperation of the surrounding towns and the State Forest Warden and others this fire was finally brought under control some days after its start.

Before the first fire was hardly a day old another and just as dangerous fire occurred near the village of Palmer and threatened all property from the Swift Plant south to the McNitt property near the Electric light plant. As this fire occurred our own men were exhausted from the back-breaking work they had had at the first fire and it was necessary to call for all possible assistance to hold this second fire from destroying real property. Over 2,000 men were used in combating these fires and fire equipment from most of our surrounding towns including the City of Springfield. The splendid cooperation of these towns with their men and apparatus is worthy of note by our citizens. Also used in combating these fires were the National Guard Units, Naval Reserve and Marine Reserve.

Needless to say equipment losses were heavy but no serious accidents occurred and not one piece of property

such as homes or factories was destroyed. The struggle was beyond conception and one of the hardest tasks your warden has ever been confronted with.

This past year we were granted by the Federal Communications Commission a permit for our Mobile two-way radio. This radio provided our only communication with headquarters for any assistance of men and equipment we needed during these fires **during the day-time only**, as our Fire Lookout Towers were not and are not manned at night time. During the daytime we were able to maintain contact but much time was lost in directing both manpower and equipment at night because of lack of communication with headquarters.

The cost of controlling these fires was a sizable sum but due to the public spirit of many of our citizens and businesses some thousands of dollars in services were rendered to the Town and this department gratis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heretofore we have relied in the main on being able to reach some natural source of water for application in controlling forest fires. Sometimes this has been feasible but for the most part fires seem to occur at places remote from possible sources of water. To operate effectively and control forest fires it is necessary that an adequate supply of water be available to combat such fires at their start. While 300 gallons of water is carried on our forest fire truck this is not a sufficient supply as we have learned from experience. To effectively control fires at the start I recommend that the Town purchase a 1,000 gallon tank truck equipped with booster pump and so fitted that portable pumps can take suction from it, and also carry more forest fire hose and hand tanks, at a cost of approximately \$5,250.00.

To maintain communications with our headquarters while out at one Forest Fire and to aid us in dispatching equipment and men at all fires I recommend the installation of another two-way radio at our fire headquarters, at a cost of \$750.00. This estimate includes the installation of the radio, cables, etc., but not the radio mast which we feel we can erect ourselves and save the Town some \$300.00.

Forest Fires today are one of the most serious threats to our Town. With no permanent force of men to combat these fires the situation becomes desperate. I believe that it is possible to build up a force of fire fighters trained in this work that would more than pay for the cost of training if sufficient funds are provided for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR M. FRENCH

Forest Warden

REPORT OF TOWN PLANNING BOARD

Immediately following the Town Election and Annual Town Meeting the members of the Planning Board held their organizational meeting, reelecting Timothy Crimmins as Chairman and Steven Scudder as Secretary. Pursuant to the appropriation and preparation of a base map for a comprehensive Zoning by-law a contract form was obtained from Maynard O. Saunders, Planning Engineer of the City of Springfield, which was submitted and approved by the Town Counsel and then signed by the Planning Board and by Mr. Saunders.

The Planning Board held nine regular meetings throughout the year, with Mr. Saunders meeting with the Board at the last five of these meetings to report on his progress on the proposed Zoning by-laws and maps.

The Planning Board regrets that due to Mr. Saunders's serious illness which delayed completion of his work it is not possible to present the tentative Zoning Map and by-law as an article on the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. However, Mr. Saunder's work has now been completed as this report goes to press, and it is the intention of the Planning Board to lay plans for the announcement of formal and informal public hearings at its organizational meeting immediately after the 1948

Town Election and Meeting so that the proposed Zoning by-law and base map may form part of a Warrant for a special Town Meeting to be held as early in 1948 as possible.

TIMOTHY D. CRIMMINS, Chairman

KENNETH H. MARCY

CLEOPHAS R. POTVIN

PATRICK J. NAGLE

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN

STEVEN SCUDDER, Secretary

Auditors' Report

TOWN'S INFIRMARY

Receipts

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Total Receipts, 1947 | \$907.50 |
|----------------------|----------|

Expenditures

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$907.50 |
|---------------------|----------|

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Receipts

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Fees Collected | \$215.23 |
|----------------|----------|

Expenditures

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$215.23 |
|---------------------|----------|

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Receipts

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------|
| Fees Collected | 478 @ \$2.00 | \$956.00 |
| | 94 @ 5.00 | 470.00 |
| | 193 @ 2.00 | 386.00 |
| | 1 @ 10.00 | 10.00 |
| | 1 @ 50.00 | 50.00 |

\$ 1,872.00

Expenditures

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$1,718.60 |
| Paid John T. Brown | 153.40 |

\$ 1,872.00

TAX COLLECTOR**Account of 1945**

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1947 | \$193.77 | |
| Interest and demands | 9.13 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 202.90 |
| Paid Treasurer | \$188.30 | |
| Abatements | 14.60 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$ 202.90 |
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Accounts of 1946

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Outstanding January 1, 1947 | \$19,596.78 | |
| Additional Assessors' warrants to be collected | 553.01 | |
| Interest and demands | 397.93 | |
| Motor vehicle excise taxes abated after payment | 13.99 | |
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| | | \$20,561.71 |
| Paid Treasurer | \$20,255.90 | |
| Abatements | 105.69 | |
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| | | \$20,361.59 |
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| Outstanding December 31, 1947 | | \$ 200.12 |

Account of 1947

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Assessors' warrants to be collected | \$335,419.64 |
| Interest | 126.20 |
| Poll taxes abated after payment | 4.00 |
| Real estate taxes abated after payment | \$2,106.00 |

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| Motor vehicle excise taxes abated after payment | 218.35 | |
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| | | \$337,874.19 |
| Paid Treasurer | \$300,108.95 | |
| Abatements | 7,023.51 | |
| Added to Tax Titles | 84.00 | |
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| | | \$307,216.46 |
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| Outstanding December 31, 1947 | | \$ 30,657.73 |

Fox Street Sidewalk

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|
| Outstanding December 31, 1947 | \$ | 97.74 |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

Receipts

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance on hand January 1, 1947 | \$379,355.97 |
| John T. Brown, Tax Collector: | |
| Taxes, 1945 | \$179.17 |
| Interest and Demands, 1945 | 9.13 |
| Taxes, 1946 | 19,857.97 |
| Interest and Demands, 1946 | 397.93 |
| Taxes, 1947 | 299,982.75 |
| Interest, 1947 | 126.20 |
| Withholding Tax Deductions | 25,892.05 |
| Sale of Tax Possessions | 500.00 |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | |
| Taxes, Reimbursements, etc. | 218,547.50 |
| Chapter 90, Contract | |
| No. 10122 | 13,302.19 |
| County of Hampden: | |
| Chapter 90, Contract No. 9776 | 999.97 |
| Chapter 90, Contract | |
| No. 10122 | 6,651.08 |

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|-------------------|-----------|----------------|
| All other sources | 40,720.09 | |
| | <hr/> | 627,166.03 |
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| | | \$1,006,522.00 |

Disbursements

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Paid out on Selectmen's Warrants | \$608,021.74 |
| Balance on hand December 31, 1947 | 398,500.26 |
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| | \$1,006,522.00 |

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNTS

Receipts

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$8,000.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Expenditures

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Expenditures as per books | \$7,796.42 | |
| Balance, Dec. 31, 1947 | 203.58 | |
| | <hr/> | \$8,000.00 |

Care of Cemeteries

Receipts

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|
| From Perpetual Care Funds | \$952.03 | |
| For Soldiers Graves | 196.00 | |
| All other Sources | 2,935.65 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,083.68 |

Expenditures

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|---------------------|------------|
| Paid Town Treasurer | \$4,083.68 |
|---------------------|------------|

Perpetual Care Funds

Receipts

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance, December 31, 1946 | \$47,591.96 | |
| New Funds Received during the year | 2,775.00 | |
| Interest, 1947 | 952.03 | |
| Added Fund and Interest | 101.04 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$51,420.03 |

Expenditures

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Care of Lots | \$952.03 | |
| Balance, Dec. 31, 1947 | 50,468.00 | |
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| | | \$51,420.03 |

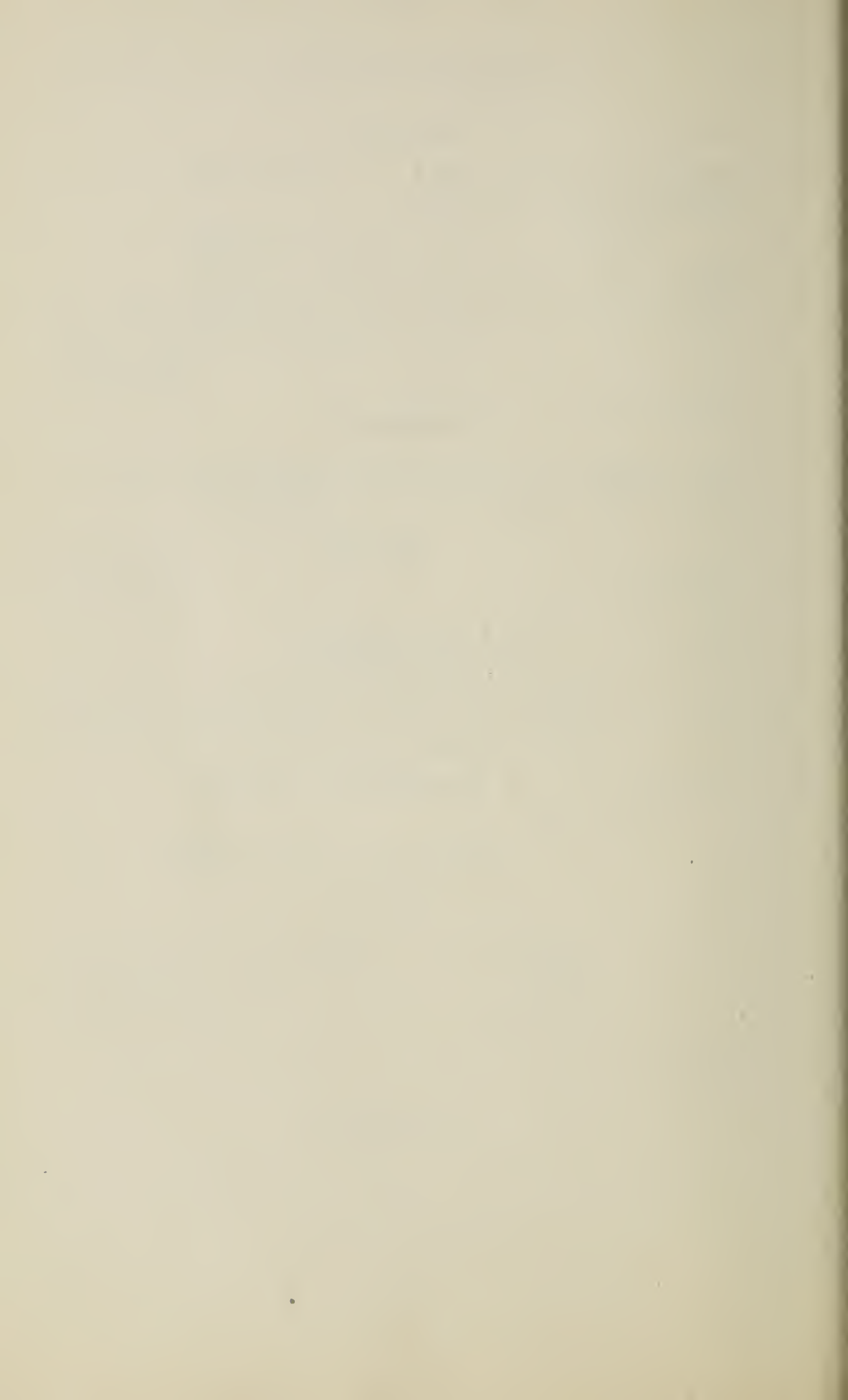
Respectfully submitted,

GARTON J. QUIMBY

JOHN D. ALDRICH

KENNETH P. KEEFE

Auditors



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN of PALMER

For the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947

CALENDAR

Winter Term:

Begins January 5, 1948; ends February 20, 1948

Spring Term:

Begins March 1, 1948; ends April 23, 1948

Summer Term:

Grades

Begins May 3, 1948; ends June 11, 1948

High

Begins May 3, 1948; ends June 25, 1948

Fall Term:

Begins September 7, 1948; ends December 24, 1948

Winter Term:

Begins January 3, 1949; ends February 25, 1949

Spring Term:

Begins March 7, 1949; ends April 29, 1949

Summer Term:

Grades

Begins May 9, 1949; ends June 17, 1949

High

Begins May 9, 1949; ends July 1, 1949

V A C A T I O N S

Winter:

February 21, 1948, to February 29, 1948

Spring:

April 24, 1948, to May 2, 1948

Summer:

Grades

June 12, 1948, to September 6, 1948

High

June 26, 1948, to September 6, 1948

Fall:

December 25, 1948, to January 2, 1949

Winter:

February 26, 1949, to March 6, 1949

Spring:

April 30, 1949, to May 8, 1949

Summer:

Grades

June 11, 1949, to September 6, 1949

High

June 25, 1949, to September 6, 1949

School Committee 1947-1948

GARRETT P. T. CAVANAUGH, Chairman

CLIFTON H. HOBSON, Secretary

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| JOSEPH S. GILL | Term expires 1950 |
| PAUL HEINE, JR. | Term expires 1950 |
| TREVOR BAKER | Term expires 1949 |
| GARRETT P. T. CAVANAUGH | Term expires 1948 |
| STANLEY W. WISNEWSKI | Term expires 1948 |

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7 p. m. on the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent on the Monday before the above date.

Superintendent of Schools, Clifton H. Hobson

Office Hours: 8 a. m .to 12m.; 1 to 5 p. m.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

I herewith present my thirty-seventh report as Superintendent of Schools in Palmer. This is the fifty-fifth in the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the Town.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The public schools of our country have always had the real support of the public, in general. At times, and in places, the public sometimes have failed to furnish enough money to properly man and operate the schools. The public often criticize the schools. They fail to appreciate them because they have had education so long at no expense to themselves personally, other than what they pay in taxes, that they have lost all sense of appreciation. They fail to realize that, if they were sending their children to a private school, while living at home, that the average private school would charge, at least, \$250 tuition per year.

When one pays \$250 in taxes, he is not only getting the education of his children, but also, police service, fire service, roads, walks, sewers, street lights, plus many other things. Actually, he gets more from a tax dollar than

from any other dollar he spends. Whenever he is not too tax-conscious, he really, deep in his heart, knows what the public schools do for his children and his neighbors' children.

As I have often said, America without the public schools would not be America. The difference between America and every other country in the world is quite largely due to the democratic form of education. As Daniel Webster once said about Massachusetts, paraphrastically speaking—"They need no defense".

ATTENDANCE

The attendance statistics for the school year 1946-1947 were as follows:—Enrollment, 1,366; Average Membership, 1,257.195; Average Attendance, 1,197.137; Per Cent of Attendance, 95.22; Tardinesses, 165.

Our percentage of attendance, 95.22, is about the average maintained over a thirty-six year period. Ninety-five percent is regarded as an ideal percentage of attendance.

Attendance statistics are much more indicative than the layman appreciates of the healthy condition of a school system.

GRADES

The same quality of work as has been done for years is still maintained. Whereas there are many weaknesses, as there always are and will be where human instrumentality comes into play, the work as a whole will stand comparison with that done in other school systems. In the fundamentals, our work is good. We have not as many

of the frills as have some systems. We have always been honest with the public and have never pretended to do things which we are not doing. We have never gone out of our way to advertise; we have always felt it better for people to discover themselves what we are doing. We welcome, at any and all times, an appraisal by any individual or any group of individuals. None will admit our weaknesses more quickly than we ourselves.

We have many different individualistic methods of doing our work in reading, arithmetic, English, spelling, etc. They may not be the best methods but they do accomplish a reasonably good degree of work.

HIGH SCHOOL

Last year, we went into some detail relative to the High School and its functions. We do not intend to repeat.

100th Anniversary. I do want to remind you, nevertheless, that in three years—1951—the 100th anniversary of the founding of the school should be observed. If plans which we now have in a somewhat embryonic stage materialize, we shall try to make the observance fitting and worthwhile.

Addition. The town approved the acceptance of \$9,200 from the Federal Government for the drawing-up of plans for an addition to the High School. The money has been received and turned over to the Town Treasurer and a part of it has been paid to the architect. The plans are progressing very well. They have been studied carefully by the Superintendent and additional suggestions have been made. When finished, and if ever carried out, a very substantial, desirable addition will be made to the High School which will make possible the

elimination of the use of the Old High School and will give a better auditorium, a better gymnasium, a sound-proof room for music, and many desirable and necessary features. We do not expect this addition will be undertaken at once. We feel that eventually there may be subsidization from the Federal Government for public buildings; if so, Palmer should grasp the opportunity because we will be in a position to "jump on the bandwagon".

Accounts. You will find a statement of the Palmer High School Accounts for the school year 1946-1947. Briefly, they show:—Balance on hand, September 1, 1946, \$2,915.70; Receipts for the year, \$14,245.34; Total Receipts, \$17,161.04; Expenditures, \$14,340.78; Balance on hand at the end of June, 1947, \$2,820.26. This statement appears on next page.

STATEMENT OF PALMER HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNTS
School Year September, 1946 — June, 1947

| Account | Balance Sept., 1946 | Receipts 1946-1947 | Total Receipts | Total Payments | Balance. June, 1947 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Assembly | \$ 164.25 | \$ 117.77 | \$ 282.02 | \$ 71.02 | \$ 211.00 |
| Athletic Association | 303.28 | 5,145.09 | 5,448.37 | 4,621.00 | 827.37 |
| Band | 21.89 | 1,243.60 | 1,265.49 | 1,104.36 | 161.13 |
| Dramatic Club | 273.51 | 180.50 | 454.01 | 108.58 | 345.43 |
| French Club | 9.28 | 3.00 | 12.28 | 0.00 | 12.28 |
| Glee Club | 25.38 | 0.00 | 25.38 | 0.00 | 25.38 |
| Orchestra | 17.04 | 0.00 | 17.04 | 0.00 | 17.04 |
| "Palmer, The" | 244.57 | 522.25 | 766.82 | 518.12 | 248.70 |
| Pep Club | 31.13 | 585.72 | 616.85 | 542.40 | 74.45 |
| Pro Merito | 5.70 | 6.00 | 11.70 | 1.00 | 10.70 |
| Student Council | 95.53 | 0.00 | 95.53 | 29.50 | 66.03 |
| Class of 1947 | 191.39 | 3,885.48 | 4,076.87 | 4,076.87 | 0.00 |
| Class of 1948 | 127.75 | 1,750.83 | 1,878.58 | 1,477.96 | 400.62 |
| Class of 1949 | 81.00 | 181.32 | 262.32 | 107.14 | 155.18 |
| Class of 1950 | 0.00 | 50.75 | 50.75 | 5.00 | 45.75 |
| General Fund | 268.71 | 39.03 | 307.74 | 100.00 | 207.74 |
| Treasurer's Fund | 11.46 | 0.00 | 11.46 | 0.00 | 11.46 |
| Student Activity Fund | 0.00 | 534.00 | 534.00 | 534.00 | 0.00 |
| Football Equipment | | | | | |
| Fund | 1,043.83 | 0.00 | 1,043.83 | 1,043.83 | 0.00 |
| | <u>\$2,915.70</u> | <u>\$14,245.34</u> | <u>\$17,161.04</u> | <u>\$14,340.78</u> | <u>\$2,820.26</u> |

Lunchroom. The Federal Government is still giving a subsidy on certain types of menus served in our High School Lunchroom. We receive 2¢ on half-pints of white milk; 5¢ on hot dishes without milk; and 7¢ on hot dishes with milk. The subsidy on the hot dishes, with or without milk, has been cut 2¢. This is because Congress did not appropriate a sufficient amount of money to maintain the former rate of subsidy. Also, because of the lack of sufficient appropriation, there is no furnishing free of refrigerators, dishwashers, and equipment in general.

Personally, I feel Congress is in error. I believe in financial support of Europe on the basis of the Marshall or a similar plan; I feel it is simply an insurance premium against future wars, which will be a lot more costly. My quarrel is this—if we can subsidize European and Asiatic countries to the extent of, say, seventeen billion dollars over a period of years, I feel we should make it possible for the boys and girls of our schools who, as future tax-payers, will have to bear this burden to receive a nutritious meal at a very reasonable cost. This is a fact which I think no one can dispute.

In spite of the increasing prices of food, we have not, with one exception, raised our prices. We went through last year without doing this. We trust we may be able to go through this year. It may be that we cannot. We do not want to lower our balance too much for fear of a “rainy day” in the future. Our prices are the lowest in the state.

We have also received, as a gift from Federal Commodities, during the school year of September, 1946, to July 1, 1947, the following:—12 cases of beets, 8 cases of carrots, 10 cases of crushed pineapple, 4 cases of tomato flakes, 2 cases of peach jam, 4 cases of peach hal-

ves, 2 cases of powdered milk, 6 cases of tomato juice, 3,600 lbs. of potatoes, 500 lbs. of onions, 500 lbs. of cabbage, and 120 lbs. of cheese. The total value, roughly, is \$511.72. This has helped us greatly in keeping prices down. There seems to be a tendency now to lessen these commodities. A lessening of subsidy and a lessening of the commodities may force us to raise prices.

We had hoped to get a dishwasher, and would have, had not the Federal Government cut out all money for equipment.

A financial statement on the lunchroom from September 1, 1946, to July 1, 1947, shows the following:

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand, September 1, 1946 | \$ 851.39 |
| Receipts | 7,955.26 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | \$ 8,806.65 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Labor | \$1,722.32 |
| Equipment | 1,200.25 |
| Supplies | 4,920.81 |
| Miscellaneous | 130.05 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 7,973.43 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance on hand, July 1, 1947 | \$ 833.22 |
| Food Inventory, July 1, 1947 | 646.37 |
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| Total—Balance and Inventory | \$ 1,479.59 |

Athletics. The financial statement of the Athletic Association for the school year 1946-1947 is as follows:

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance on hand, September 1, 1946 | \$ 303.28 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Receipts | 5,145.09 |
| Total Receipts | 5,448.37 |
| Expenditures | 4,621.00 |
| Balance on hand, September 2, 1947 | \$ 827.37 |

Our three main athletic functions are baseball, football, and basketball. As a whole, the teams have had a very successful year. They have caught the fancy of the public and, with the possible exception of baseball, the games are well attended. I sometimes wish that, when the schools are looking for an adequate appropriation to make it possible for them to function as they should, we could have the same loyal support that the football team has when it plays Ware. Almost everyone in town is a royal rooter. It is a happy condition. I would be the last one to gainsay it. I say this kindly, but meaningfully.

Band. The addition of the band at the football games is an added attraction. The band has performed well with the new uniforms, majorettes, baton twirlers, and pennant carriers. The band makes a very fine impression.

Much credit is due to the members and their leader, Mr. Turner.

The band has appeared, upon many occasions, at outside functions. They have always made a good impression. At West Springfield last spring, they won first prize for drilling.

A good band is a great morale builder, not only for the pupils but for the public at large. Our great difficulty is that each year as Seniors graduate, we often lose our mainstays. It is a constant process of rebuilding.

All of these extra curricula activities—athletics, band, dramatics, etc.—add to the all-round development of the pupil.

The financial statement of the Band for the school year 1946-1947 is as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand, September 1, 1946 | \$ 21.89 |
| Receipts | 1,243.60 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Receipts | \$1,265.49 |
| Expenditures | 1,104.36 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance on hand, July 1, 1947 | \$ 161.13 |

Veteran's Regional Service Center. The following statistics upon the Veteran's Regional Service Center of the Palmer High School are given:

1946-1947

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|--|---------------------------------|
| Center Opened | January 28, 1946 |
| Center Closed | August 27, 1947 |
| Enrollment by Terms: | January, 1946 - June, 1946 —63 |
| | July, 1946 - September, 1946—35 |
| | September, 1946 - June, 1947—54 |
| | July, 1947 - September, 1947—26 |
| Enrollment by Divisions: | For High School Diploma—49 |
| | For College Entrance —54 |
| | For Refresher Courses —10 |
| | For Self-Improvement — 8 |
| Enrollment of Individual Students from January, 1946, to 1947 | —121 |
| Diplomas | 1946 Palmer High School — 8 |
| | 1947 Palmer High School —15 |
| | 1947 Other Towns — 2 |
| Entered Colleges | —20 |
| Entered Other Schools | —12 |

Faculty:—Members of Palmer High School and Nearby Towns.

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| TERESA BOYLAN | English, Spanish |
| PAULINE MONAHAN | Mathematics |
| MARY FORGARTY | Mathematics |
| LEO SANTUCCI | Mathematics |
| JOHN P. MOORE | Chemistry, Physics |
| FRANCES CHANDLER | English |
| MARY SULLIVAN | Typewriting |
| LUCY AUSTIN | Mathematics, English |
| MARGARET DONOVAN | History, Civics |
| HELEN DALTON | English, French |
| FREDERICK O'NEILL | History, Civics |
| ALICE MOHAMED | Typewriting |
| P. H. PAYTON | French, Latin, Coordinator |

Memorial Plaque. Last year, we included in this report the names of the graduates and non-graduates who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II, totaling 25. We also included the names of graduates and non-graduates, totaling 964, who had participated in World War II.

At the last Alumni dinner in June, 1946, a committee was appointed to secure a plaque bearing the names of the graduates and non-graduates who had made the supreme sacrifice, the same to be installed in the High School Auditorium, or corridor.

We are very anxious that this shall be done and hope that the committee will get busy at once. This is a suggestion—not a command.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

Last June, Parent-Teacher Associations were formed for the following schools:—Park Street, Quabaug, Three Rivers, and Thorndike. These Associations have been very helpful. They are taking the right attitude—that of helpfulness and, if necessary, wholesome criticism.

The Park Street School Parent-Teacher Association has started to secure necessary and long-neglected improvements in lighting and re-decorating in that school. This is a very worthy project. It entails a fair-size expenditure—no more than is to be expected in view of the fact that this building is forty-six years old and has not been re-decorated, if I err not, in near thirty-seven years, with one exception—in 1934 under the C.W.A., a forerunner of the W.P.A., at which time we got from the Federal Government about \$.82 out of every dollar expended.

The building is situated fairly near the Boston and Albany tracks so that it gets the benefit of smoke and cinders. It is a well-constructed building and needs re-decoration badly. We have constantly repeated the fact that, with a half-a-million dollars in school property, and with only \$1,500 to \$2,000 for repairs, very little can be done to school buildings. They have all reached a condition where they must all be put into shape. You have an accumulation of failure to provide over a long stretch of time.

School buildings are like your homes—if they are not kept up, the deterioration is much more rapid than

if they were given reasonably good care. Palmer must spend, over the next five years, over \$10,000, or better a year. We sometimes wonder if parents would house their children in homes with conditions as poor as they are in some of our schools. Eyesight is too precious to be injured needlessly. It costs money, but the money will be well expended. Your child is your most precious possession. Sometimes when the schools ask for money, this is lost sight of.

The Quabaug School Parent-Teacher Association has put on a very fine soup program. This is a matter which we took up with the Federal School Lunch Program several times and they advised against our attempting to do anything because we had no accommodations for a lunch program. There is no hot water, no sink, no range, no room large enough for the accommodation of the pupils. The school has some 220 pupils; 140 of them come from outlying districts and spend their lunch hour at the school. Some of the lunches brought by these children would make your heart sick. They need something warm, from November 1st through April 1st. The Parent-Teacher Association has taken this on and are doing a mighty fine job. They get federal subsidy of three-cents on their soup. Their soup is not a clear soup; it is one containing vegetables, meat, fish, etc.

The Thorndike and Three Rivers Parent-Teacher Associations are also doing a good job. Both associations staged a real Christmas party. Thorndike held theirs in the St. Joseph's Hall; Three Rivers held theirs in the school building.

Each Parent-Teacher Association, in proportion to size and financial standing, has done a really good job. They are a real addition to the work of the schools. Their attitude has been excellent. They have not made the mis-

take that some Parent-Teacher Associations have made, in years gone by, in thinking they were a clearing house for all the difficulties which arise; that they should assume any of the prerogatives of the School Committee. We know that, when they learn more and more, some of which they have already learned, about the work that is being done in the schools in the way of teaching, health examinations, safety instructions, etc., they will have a much greater appreciation of the schools and will be anxious and willing to do as much as they can to make conditions for pupils and teachers as good as possible.

SCHOOL SUPPORT

The cost of operating the schools has greatly increased for the very same reasons that your business and household expenses have increased. The schools have to buy in the same market, both for labor and materials, as you do. They have to pay current prices.

Last year, I gave you a somewhat lengthy disertation upon the fact that the present method of raising money for the support of the public schools was wrong, antiquated, and archaic. Real estate cannot, and should not bear the entire burden. There are other means of taxation which should be used. "Like it or lump it", the day has come when there must be more support from the State, and even from the Federal Government. This should be granted upon the basis that the local autonomy shall not be disturbed. In brief, though money is furnished by the State and Federal Government, the control of the schools shall still be in the hands of the local city or town. The great fear of subsidization is always that the State or Nation will step in and tell you when, how, and what to do. This need not occur and will not occur.

Rather than say anything personally, we will include some material furnished by Mr. Pitkin, Director of Research for the Massachusetts Teachers Federation, on "Adequate State Aid". Mr. Pitkin is an expert in his line. We quote from him:—"State aid for the support of schools in Massachusetts now amounts to only about \$6,000,000. This is about 8% of the total cost of the schools. Massachusetts ranks about fifth from the bottom of the forty-eight states in that respect. State aid for the support of schools in Delaware, Washington, New Mexico, California, and Michigan averages about \$3,150 per classroom. In this state it is about \$270 per classroom.

"In this state the average per-capita income for 1944 was \$1,200. This gave our state a rank of eleventh from the top of all the states in per-capita income. This indicates that Massachusetts stands high among the states in its ability to support public education."

"We Are Low In Effort"

"The relative effort that a state makes to support education may be measured by the proportion of the income of its people that is expended for the support of schools. For 1944 in Massachusetts the current expenditure for the support of public elementary and high schools was only 1.55% of the total income of its people. In that respect Massachusetts stood twenty-seventh from the top of the forty-eight states. It is one of the wealthiest states, but the effort it has put forth to give adequate support to its public schools is far below the average.

"The statute providing the present \$6,000,000 program of state aid was adopted in 1919. It is complicated and outmoded. The formula for calculating the quota

for any town is about one page of fine print. Since 1919 study and research have developed simpler and much better methods for prorating state aid among the towns and cities. These methods result in towns and cities securing aid much more in proportion to their respective needs. In Massachusetts now there is too little correlation between the amount of state aid that a town receives and the amount the town needs to receive. Some wealthy towns receive more aid per pupil than some poor towns. For instance, in 1945 Springfield, a relatively wealthy city, received about \$12 per pupil state aid while Revere, a relatively poor city, received about \$9 per pupil."

"\$28,500,000 Our Goal"

"Our own Committee on State Aid this fall prepared a legislative bill to increase state aid for the support of schools from the present amount of about \$6,000,000 to about \$28,500,000. This bill has been filed for the 1948 session of legislature by Senator Ralph C. Mahar, chairman of the Committee on Education in the Senate.

"This bill proposes a simple method of calculating the aid that each town and city receives. The amount of such grant for each town and city will be the amount by which \$125 per pupil (net average membership) exceeds \$6 per \$1,000 of the equalized valuation. The equalized valuation for each town and city was determined by the legislature in 1945 for a five-year period. It averages about 10% more than the assessed valuation, but is even less in some cases and 25% more in some cases."

"Using the Formula"

"Using the fiscally poor town of Bridgewater, the quota of state aid under this bill would be calculated as follows:

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| 1,022 pupils x \$125 | = | \$127,750 |
| \$6 per \$1,000 on \$7,349,734 | = | 44,098 |
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| Grant of state aid | | \$ 83,652 |

“The following is for the wealthier town of Concord:

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| 1,172 pupils x \$125 | = | \$146,500 |
| \$6 per \$1,000 on \$13,803,606 | = | 82,822 |
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| Grant of state aid | | \$ 63,678 |

The following is for the town of Palmer:

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| 1,213 pupils x \$125 | = | \$151,625 |
| \$6 per \$1,000 on \$9,500,00 | = | 57,000 |
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| Grant of state aid | | \$ 94,625 |

“The educational need or load of a town is measured by the number of pupils. The ability of a town to meet that need or to carry that load is measured by the equalized valuation of the town. Bridgewater’s load is 1,022 pupils. The equalized valuation of \$7,349,734 represents the town’s ability to finance the education of those pupils. Hence, the formula, by using the number of pupils and the equalized valuation, is based on the need and fiscal ability of the respective towns and cities.

“If a town has a tax of \$6 per \$1,000, that represents a certain amount of fiscal effort on the part of its taxpayers. A \$10-per-\$1,000 tax would be a greater effort and a \$4-per-\$1,000 tax would be a lesser efforts. A \$6-per-\$1,000 tax in all towns would mean an approximately equal effort in those towns to raise money. The formula therefore provides that after all towns and cities have made the equal effort of raising \$6 per \$1,000, they will each have at least \$125 per pupil for the support of their schools.”

“Equalizes Burden and Opportunity”

“As indicated above, the effect of the bill would really be to guarantee to rich and poor towns alike that after locally raising \$6 per \$1,000 of the equalized valuation for schools, the state would grant enough aid to provide a minimum total of \$125 per pupil in every town and city. This would tend to equalize the burden of supporting the schools and the educational opportunities of the children in the poorer towns with those of the richer towns. The formula is therefore called an equalizing formula. However, most towns will continue to raise more than \$6 per \$1,000 for schools so as to spend much more than this minimum \$125 per pupil.

“For the average town or city, this bill would increase the state aid for schools by about \$1,000 per classroom. Each school committee would then have to decide how much, if any, of this aid it would recommend be used for reducing the local school taxes and how much of it would be used to improve salaries and schools. This state aid could not be used for new buildings and equipment. This increased aid would enable school committees to adopt quite satisfactory salary schedules and to reduce class sizes.”

“Where to Get \$28,500,00”

“Most of the present \$6,000,000 state aid for schools comes from the receipts of the state income tax. This bill proposes to continue using that \$6,000,000 from income taxes. No new taxes are included in the bill. The remaining \$22,500,000 would be paid out of the general revenue of the state. Michigan grants \$44,500,000 state aid for schools from its general revenue. Missouri \$28,000,000, Iowa \$13,000,000, New York, \$138,000,000 and Pennsylvania \$60,000,000. Fourteen other states provide state aid for schools from the general revenue. Mass-

achusetts itself is now distributing annually about \$2,000,000 state aid for vocational schools from the general revenue of the state. Hence, we have a precedent right here in our own state.

“Of course, the state will have to increase its general revenue according with whatever new taxes the legislature would choose. These new taxes would not be definitely linked with or earmarked for state aid for schools. They would go into the state treasury and become part of the general revenues of the state.”

CONCLUSION

This report is not lengthy. I have presented a few matters which I thought you should know, especially the type of effort that is being made to secure additional State Aid. This eventually will come in spite of any opposition.

I wish to express my appreciation for the aid and forbearance of the School Committee, citizens, parents, teachers, pupils, and Parent-Teacher Associations. All have been most understanding, patient, and helpful.

We assure you that the schools are doing a reasonably good and efficient job.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON H. HOBSON

Superintendent of Schools

Palmer, Massachusetts, January 16, 1948

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Hampden,

Town of Palmer,

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer,
in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A, in the High School Gymnasium on Converse Street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B, at the Thorndike Grammar School in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at the Three Rivers Grammar School in Three Rivers, and in Precinct D, at the Bondsville Grammar School in Bondsville, on Monday, the second day of February, A. D. 1948, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town, for the following officers, to wit: 3 Selectmen, 5 Constables, 3 License Commissioners, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, 3 Auditors, Tree Warden, and 2 Members of the Planning Board, all for the term of one year; 1 Member of the Planning Board, for the term of two years: Town Clerk, 1 Member of the Board of Health, 1 Member of the Board of Public Welfare, 1

Assessor, 1 Cemetery Commissioner, 1 Member of the Planning Board and 2 Members of the School Committee, all for the term of three years; 1 Member of the Planning Board, for the term of four years; and 1 Member of the Planning Board, for the term of five years.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House at Four Corners in said Palmer, on Monday, the ninth day of February, A. D. 1948, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose all other usual town officers.

Article 3. To act on the reports of the town officers.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize

the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any of the articles of this warrant.

Article 6. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, viz: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, 3 Selectmen, 3 Assessors, 3 Members of the Board of Public Welfare, 3 Auditors, 3 Members of the Board of Health and Tree Warden and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 8. To hear and act on reports of committees.

Article 9. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Article 10. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the collector of taxes.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to convey pupils to and from public schools and instruct the school committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appro-

priate money for the Young Men's Library Association, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 14. To see what action the town will take in respect to lighting the streets and whether it will authorize the selectmen to make contract therefor, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 15. To see what action the town will take relative to suits and claims now pending against the town.

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the care and improvement of cemeteries.

Article 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the suppression of the gypsy, brown-tail and satin moths and elm tree beetles, and other insect pests.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the cost of rent, janitor service and maintenance of the town offices in the Holbrook Building.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum to help defray the cost of maintaining the District Nurse.

Article 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money under the authority of Section 22 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws for the care of graves of persons who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection and were honorably discharged from such service.

Article 21. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

Article 22. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks and curbing.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to be paid to the Wing Memorial Hospital Association for the charitable purposes of said association in this town, or for the care and support in said hospital of persons wholly or in part unable to support or care for themselves, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the granting of adequate assistance to deserving citizens of the town in need of relief and support sixty-five years of age or over under the provisions of Chapter 118A of the General Laws, and for expenses to be incurred in connection with the granting of such assistance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the granting of assistance under the provisions of the Massachusetts Aid to Dependent Children Law, Chapter 118 General Laws, and for expenses to be incurred in connection with

the granting of such assistance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to pay a salary to members of the Board of Public Welfare chosen to serve in the Division of Old Age Assistance, in addition to the salary received by them as members of said Board of Public Welfare, fix the amount thereof, and raise and appropriate any money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health, for the purpose of giving to the school children attending parochial or private schools in the town substantially the same medical examinations and tests now afforded to the children attending the public schools.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the town fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure, provided that the selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 29. To see what action the town will take relative to the care and preservation of the Memorial Approach to the High School, the plot of land at Shearer's Corner upon which the General Knox Marker is located, and the memorial plots in the several villages of the town.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the operation and maintenance of Burleigh Park, Legion Field and the Eager Playground in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 31. (a) To see what action the town will take with reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees; (b) To see if the town will vote to determine and fix the salary of the tree warden and raise and appropriate money for the same; (c) To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for labor and materials and tools for use in connection with the Department of the Tree Warden.

Article 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended for the burial of soldiers or sailors, their wives and dependent children, or other members of the Armed Forces of the United States under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

Article 34. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of the Veterans' Service Center.

Article 35. To see if the town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to provide and maintain quarters for Edward T. Goodreau Post #1813, Veterans of

Foreign Wars of the United States for the year 1948, authorize the selectmen to negotiate and execute, in the name of the town, a lease for the same, and raise and appropriate money for repairs to said quarters and for the rental thereof.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the following perpetual care funds which have been given to it during the year: Henrietta Wallace \$200.00; Annie B. Barker \$150.00; Lester W. Calkins \$200.00; Fred and Ethel Potter \$200.00; John J. Therrien \$200.00; Jane H. Coulter \$100.00; James Sumers \$200.00; Lucy E. Naylor \$150.00; Charles Johnson \$100.00; Harry L. Ryther \$300.00; Lois E. Carsley \$200.00; William N. Potter \$200.00; Ernest W. Fenton \$200.00; Harriet Paine \$50.00; Colin L. Roberts \$125.00; Neils Christiansen \$100.00.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2472.90 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampden County Retirement System to be credited to the town's share of the funds thereof.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of installing toilets and making internal repairs in the Town Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purchase of 2 highway trucks, 1 tractor, 1 power grader, 1 sweeper, and 2 sanding machines for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to raise

and appropriate any sum of money for the purchase of 1 tank truck and 1 two-way radio for the Forest Fires Department, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation, or otherwise, any sum for the construction of a combination field house and grandstand and portable bleachers on Legion Field in the Depot Village, said field house to contain properly inscribed tablets with the names of all veterans of the Town of Palmer of World Wars I and II, locker rooms, showers, public toilets and other suitable facilities as a memorial to the veterans of World Wars I and II, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote passed under Article 5 of the Warrant calling the Special Town Meeting of October 27, 1947, whereby it was voted that the town donate as a gift to the American Veterans Committee, Inc., Romuald Renaud Chapter No. 468 of Three Rivers, Mass., the Wenimesset School Building, land and deed of such at a sum of one dollar (\$1.00) situated on Main Street, Three Rivers, Mass., (Precinct C) and that in the event the American Veterans Committee, Inc., Romuald Renaud Chapter No. 468 of Three Rivers, Mass., discontinue use of the building, title will revert to the town.

Article 43. To see if the town will lease the Wenimesset School Building in Three Rivers to the American Veterans Committee, Inc., Romuald Renaud Chapter No. 468, for a term of five years, at a rental of \$1.00 per year, for use as quarters and for recreational facilities, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. To see if the will authorize the select-

men to rent or lease any land available on Bourne Street in the village of Three Rivers, for a public dump, and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the collection of garbage and refuse in the several villages of the town and to authorize the selectmen to have said garbage and refuse collected by a department of the town or to advertise, accept bids and to execute a contract with any party for the collection of said garbage and refuse, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 46. To see if the town will vote to accept Section 16B of Chapter 147 of the General Laws which provides that members of the Police Department shall be excused from duty for one day out of every six without loss of pay, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. To see if the town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, any sum of money for the improvement of Main Street in the Depot Village from the westerly line of Thorndike Street to the easterly line of Church Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 48. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain additional street lights as follows: (a) 1 light on Conant Street in the Depot Village; (b) 1 light on Main Street, village of Three Rivers, between the residence of one Anton and the residence of one Grzywna; (c) 1 light on Flynt Road near St. John Street, Lake Thompson area; (d) 1 light near the vicinity of 99 State Street in the village of Bondsville; (e) 1 light on Pleasant Street, village of Thorndike, near property of one Topor; (f) 1 light in the vicinity of 15 Orchard Street, in the Depot Village; (g) 1 light at corner of

Cross and Pine Streets in the village of Three Rivers;
(h) 1 light on East Street in the village of Three Rivers.

Article 49. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the construction of new sidewalks as follows: (a) Sidewalk with curbing, on Brown Street in the Depot Village, in front of property of Frank Labuz; (b) Curbing on Bourne Street, village of Three Rivers in front of residence of one Nowak; (c) Sidewalk on Church and Pleasant Streets, village of Thorndike from the corner of Main and Church Streets to the present walk near the property of one St. Amand; (d) Sidewalk and curbing on High Street, village of Thorndike, from Old Center Road to the residence of one Gula; (e) Sidewalk on Ford Street, village of Three Rivers, starting at residence of Wozniakowski and running easterly about 1800 feet to residence of one Korzek.

Article 50. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the construction of new sewers and catch basins as follows: (a) Sewer in Arnold Street, Depot Village, starting at a manhole in North Main Street and running westerly about 600 feet; (b) Sewer in Calkins Road, village of Three Rivers, from the end of the present sewer and running southerly about 1000 feet; (c) Sewer in Oak Street, village of Three Rivers, from a manhole in Charles Street and running easterly about 440 feet; (d) Sewer in River Street, village of Thorndike, from the existing lines near Lake Junction and running about 3000 feet to the property of one Wilk; (e) Sewer in Conant Street, Depot Village, from a manhole in South Main Street and running southerly about 360 feet to Riverview Parkway; (f) Sewer in the northerly side of Park Street, Depot Village, near the residence of one Carey and running about 150 feet easterly to Pinney Street; (g) Sewer relocation and extension in North Street, village of Three Rivers, a distance to

be determined by survey; (h) Sewer in Wilson Avenue, Depot Village, starting at a manhole in North Main Street and running southeasterly about 300 feet.

Article 51. To see if the town will vote to improve and widen the roadway in Breckenridge Street from the intersection with the Ware Road at Palmer Center to a point about 50 feet beyond the land of Everett E. and Pearl B. Marshall and raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in some one public place in each of the four villages of the town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bonds-ville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least two issues of the Journal-Register, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the first publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of January, A. D. 1948.

PETER F. WARAKOMSKI

JAMES H. FITZGERALD

HERBERT W. BISHOP

Selectmen of Palmer

A true copy: Attest:

JAMES H. CARTER

Constable of the Town of Palmer

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